1. Reason for Rule Adoption

Background

Under RCW 46.08.172, the Director of General Administration is required to establish equitable and consistent parking rental fees for the capitol campus which are to be charged to employees, visitors, clients, service providers, and others. This requirement reflects the legislature's intent to reduce state subsidization of parking or to meet the commute trip reduction goals established in RCW 70.94.527.

Prior to the FY03-05 biennium, GA used parking fees primarily to pay for debt service for the construction of parking garages and cash payments for some parking facility repairs. In 2003, the Legislature's Operating Budget included direction to GA that parking services be funded by parking fees. As a result, this action is being taken to establish fees that begin to cover more of the parking costs, including maintenance, operation of GA's Parking Office and other services (e.g. law enforcement, fire protection).

GA has not raised parking rates since 1992. In order to bring revenues closer to the actual cost of providing services the current proposal raises rates by \$5 per month to \$20 for zoned parking and \$25 for leased/reserved parking.

Consideration and Response Summary

Consistent with the requirements of RCW 34.05.325 (1) through (5), GA received public comments from February 18, 2004 through April 16, 2004. GA received comments through oral and written testimony at two public hearings, and written submissions via email, fax, and mail. GA conducted the public hearings on March 24, 2004 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and on March 31, 2004 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. We are responding to all comments received during this period as provided in RCW 34.05.325.

GA has carefully considered input from stakeholders in arriving at a decision concerning this rule revision. We would like to thank them for their comments, to which we have responded in Section 3 of this document.

2. <u>Differences Between Proposed and Adopted Rule Text</u>

GA is not making any changes to the proposed rules filed with the Office of the Code Reviser on February 18th, 2004, under Washington State Register 04-05-101. The adopted rules comply with the legislative intent and authority granted GA in RCW 46.08.172.

3. Summary of All Comments Received and Consideration

General Administration received comments in several formats, including email, oral testimony, letters, faxes, and via our website. These comments are presented in this section of the Concise Explanatory Statement. In many cases, groups of stakeholders addressed the same issue. For example, 156 stakeholders objected to this rule change on the general grounds that it constitutes an unfair reduction of state employee benefits and/or wages. In such cases where several persons have raised the same concern, GA has prepared a single response. Those comments and associated responses are summarized in the following paragraphs. For each individual who submitted a comment, GA will refer to the general response if applicable. Where a commenter raised a unique issue, GA has provided a reply in the response column adjacent to their name.

Here is a sample/explanation of how to read the stakeholder comments and responses.

Stakeholder Name	Comments	Issues Discussed	Response
Jane Doe, GA	The parking fee	EH, OFF, LEA	See paragraphs 3.a.,
	increase is an unfair		b and c.
	economic burden.		
	The Plaza Garage is		
	dirty and water		
	leaks on my car		
	causing staining on		
	the finish.		

Codes for Issues Discussed are as follows:

Code	Associated Response	Subject
EH	Response 3.a.	Economic Hardship/Unfair Salary or Benefit Reduction
BUS	Response 3.a.	State should provide parking as "cost of doing business"
OFF	Response 3.b.	Why do only on-campus employees pay for parking?
DIS2	Response 3.b.	Persons with disabilities should share increased fee
NDS	Response 3.b.	Why don't non-day shift workers pay parking fees
PRT	Response 3.b.	Part time workers should pay reduced rate
DIR	Response 3.c.	Dirty/Littered Facility
ENF	Response 3.c.	Lack of enforcement
LEA	Response 3.c.	Leaking Water/Chemicals
NUM	Response 3.c.	Not enough parking spaces available
SIZ	Response 3.c.	Parking stalls are too small
LIT	Response 3.c.	Poor lighting
SEC	Response 3.c.	Vandalism/Theft/Security Concerns
FIN	Response 3.d.	Fee increase is not justified or more financial details requested
DIS1	Response 3.e.	Persons with disabilities should not pay for parking
SUP	Response 3.f.	Support the fee increase

Code	Associated Response	Subject	
MT	Response 3.g.	Fee should be based on income – means testing	
OPP	No response	Stakeholder opposes rate increase but does not state an issue	

a. Economic Hardship/Effective Reduction of Wages, Salaries or Benefits (EH, BUS)

Summary of Comment(s): 156 stakeholders responded that the rate increase is the same as a salary/wage decrease. Some complained that GA and the legislature are insensitive to the fact that employees have not received a cost of living increase in recent years. Others stated that their salaries/wages have been eroded by increases in the cost of medical insurance in recent years and that this parking fee increase further reduces income.

Twelve (12) employees asserted it is inappropriate to charge employees for parking and that the state should provide its employees parking as a cost of "doing business."

Response: GA empathizes with state employees and their families who face adverse impacts from rising costs of living. GA is sensitive to these concerns, and we do plan to phase in expected rate increases over time to align closely to revenue needs.

Some stakeholders expressed the view that parking is a pay and benefits issue. Employee pay and benefit issues are typically addressed during labor negotiations and the budgetary process. Whether the state should provide parking to employees as a "cost of doing business" is outside the scope of this rule and GA authority.

It is GA's responsibility to set the appropriate rates for parking. The legislature established in RCW 46.08.172 that parking on the capitol campus shall be a fee paid service activity for employees, visitors, clients, service providers, and others. RCW 46.08.172 also directs GA to establish equitable and consistent parking rental fees for the capitol campus that reflect the legislature's intent to reduce state subsidization of parking or to meet commute trip reduction goals. Current and future costs of parking operations are not covered by existing parking rates.

For several years, GA has allowed parking services to be subsidized by other GA services. This is not sustainable as a business practice and must be corrected to meet legislative intent as stated in law. Our goal is to provide quality services at a competitive price to our customers and to maintain and preserve our facilities so we can meet our customers parking needs.

b. Inequity (OFF, DIS2, NDS, PRT)

Summary of Comment(s):

Fifty (50) stakeholder comments note that state employees who do not work at the Capitol Campus are not charged for parking. They suggest that parking fees are unfairly targeted only at Capitol Campus employees.

Eleven (11) stakeholders specifically identified employees with disabilities as a class of parkers not affected by the rate increase and suggested that they should share equally in bearing the overall cost of parking services.

Two (2) stakeholders noted that non-day shift workers are not required to pay for the privilege of parking in campus lots.

Five (5) part-time employees suggested that they should pay a reduced rate since they use less of the available resource.

Response:

Off-Campus Employees (OFF – 50).

Parking is not "free" to agencies and employees. In most off-campus locations, parking is one of the costs in agency leases. Agencies pay their landlords directly and determine how to fund the parking costs, either through their operating budget or by charging their employees for parking. At some locations, public employees must directly pay for parking at metered street spaces or in private surface lots and garages.

RCW 46.08.172 directs GA to establish parking fees on the capitol campus. The law does not give GA the same authority at locations off the capitol campus. Instead, the law authorizes the GA Director to establish parking rental fees for agencies off the Capitol Campus *only if requested to do so by the agency concerned*.

As an alternative, agencies may establish and collect parking rental fees themselves. RCW 43.01.240 (3) allows agencies to charge their employees a parking fee. Currently seven agencies in Thurston County charge a parking fee at off-campus sites: The Administrative Office of the Courts, Community, Trade, & Economic Development, Department of Corrections, Department of Ecology, Employment Security, Information Services and Licensing. Parking fees collected off campus may be used by the agency to 1) fund their CTR program, 2) fund their parking program, and 3) to off-set their parking lease (but only if parking is a line item in their lease).

Although some off-campus agencies have established employee parking fees as part of their commute trip reduction program, none have requested GA to establish parking fees for them. GA has no authority to go beyond the fee mechanisms put into place by the legislature.

Employees with a Disability (DIS2 - 11). An increase in disabled customer parking fees will be considered in future revisions. However, accessible parking for persons with disabilities represents only a small portion of revenue for parking services, and we have opted not to restart the rulemaking process to make a change to this rate.

Non Day Shift Employees (NDS – 2). We understand that an argument can be made that non-day shift employees should be charged for parking as users of the resource. However, it can also be argued that these parkers do not compete for a scarce resource during peak work hours and therefore should not be charged. We note that the City of Olympia allows free parking in metered spaces after 5 p.m. on weekdays, which provides an example of the market practice. GA will consider these arguments in future proposed revisions to the rule.

Part-Time Employees (PRT – 5). The rule cannot differentiate for every subgroup of customer and such differentiation would not necessarily be equitable. For example, a part-time employee who works six hours each day, five days per week is still typically using up a parking space during peak periods of demand. For some part-time employees it may be more economical to take advantage of the day pass offered by the Division of Capitol Facilities Parking Office. These can be purchased at a rate of \$1 per day and up to eight may be purchased each calendar month.

c. Poor Service/Inadequate Facilities (DIR, ENF, LEA, NUM, SIZ, LIT, SEC)

Summary of Comment(s): One hundred forty three (143) stakeholders cited a service quality or facility shortcoming as a reason to oppose the fee increase. These comments are further broken down into the following categories. The number in parentheses indicates how many stakeholders submitted this comment.

Dirty/littered facilities (25)
Lack of enforcement of parking rules (9)
Leaking water/chemicals (31) that damage vehicle paint
Not enough parking spaces (21)
Parking spaces too small (15)
Poor lighting (11) contributing to an insecure or unsafe environment
Security/Vandalism/Theft (31)

Here are some examples of the comments received:

I guess it wouldn't be such a big deal if we actually could find a place to park – I get here at 7:15 a.m., and because of repairs, problems wherein they have to block off spots with cones, and "reserved" parking spots that are NEVER filled, it's still not easy to just find a spot to park in HLB, a building where the majority of people don't get here until 8 a.m. anyway.

There is always garbage and sometimes the same piles of garbage for some lengths of time, as well as dirty doors, walls and windows.

In light of just recently losing over \$680 in equipment and sundry items from my vehicle, plus \$400 in repair cost, it seems the dramatic increases in fees will never offset the prevention of my losses. Without adequate parking spaces, dripping of calcium deposits onto vehicles, lack of security cameras and patrols, it seems we are getting very little for the existing fees, moreover the increase.

What does the increase in parking rates provide other than the going rate for parking spaces? Is there going to be more patrolling and ticketing for vehicles without parking stickers? If not then I am opposed to increases......

Will the problems with paint damage from parking in the NRB be addressed by increasing the parking fee paid by state employees? Right now, I am paying \$15 per month to park in a facility that does not provide adequate security and can even cause damage to my cars paint job.

Response:

GA is committed to providing quality service at a reasonable price. Currently, the zone parking fees are only 27% of the private market rate. The revenue generated does not provide the funding required to meet customer needs and to ensure the delivery of quality facilities. We regret that some of our customers are not completely satisfied with the service being provided as part of the program. GA's goal is to deliver quality services and facilities that meet our customer's expectations.

GA believes that we need a mechanism for providing and receiving feedback on the quality of our parking services. To accomplish this we are committed to assembling a Parking Advisory Council. GA representatives would include our Facility Asset Manager for parking facilities, our Parking Office supervisor, and our Commute Trip Reduction coordinator. GA recognizes that customer feedback is a key component for setting service levels and associated rates.

We recognize that there are concerns about cleanliness and security in the various parking garages. We strive to prevent vandalism through regular law enforcement monitoring of the garages, but we cannot monitor every stall at every moment. As with any other parking facility (airport, shopping mall, park, arena, etc...), parkers are responsible for their vehicles and contents.

We rely on customer feedback to make improvements in service delivery and to help us target areas for enhanced enforcement. It helps if that feedback can be as specific as possible. We encourage parkers to walk-in to the Parking Office or call Customer Service at 725-0000 from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Parkers can also call 725-0000 with feedback 24 hours a day. We will document the concern and forward it to the appropriate office for follow up. There is also an Agency feedback form for GA at http://www.ga.wa.gov/feedback.htm. This form is also available on each of GA's program websites. It is collected by "The Webmaster" and then directed to the appropriate program. We will strive to remedy the situation as quickly as we can.

Dirty/Littered Facilities (DIR - 25). GA is reviewing the schedules and level of effort for cleaning and maintenance of parking facilities to determine what is the appropriate level of service. We anticipate this will be an agenda item for future Parking Advisory Council meetings. Our view is that the elevators, lobbies, entrances, exits and walking paths should have first priority for cleaning and clearing of trash and debris. GA looks forward to your input on the future application of scarce resources.

Lack of enforcement of parking rules (ENF - 9). The campus enjoys a dedicated police force (WSP) of eight troopers and one supervisor. The WSP supervisor has estimated that approximately 25% of their overall effort is devoted to security, parking rule enforcement and responses to criminal incidents in the parking areas. During the period of October 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 troopers wrote 1,352 parking citations and 430 warnings. That is a combined average of approximately 200 per month or about 10 per day.

The WSP effort is primarily oriented to ensure, to the extent possible, that paying parkers get access to the resource for which they are paying. Revenue is not the driving factor. These citations are managed by the Thurston County Courts and fines are collected there. The parking fines are retained by the Court to cover their costs.

The Parking Office has estimated that there are as many as 50 parking violators each day. This estimate however, is little more that an educated guess. GA has requested additional budget authority in the next biennial budget to increase funding for enforcement so that a trooper can be dedicated to the task of parking enforcement. The result should be a more accurate sense of what is the actual violation rate.

Leaking water and chemicals (LEA - 31). One of the major goals of the ongoing East Plaza Garage renovation has been to eliminate water leaks and to prevent further damage. This project has one more phase of effort which is planned for completion by the end of the FY 05-07 biennium. GA is requesting legislative authority for a capital project to fix the leaks in the NRB garage in the next biennium (FY 05-07).

Not enough parking spaces (NUM – 21). Parking office personnel routinely survey parking lots in an effort to ensure that there are enough parking spaces for our paying customers. In responding to complaints about lack of spaces in the past, it is often found that the problem is actually that the parking spaces closest to the work site are not available. However, even the most remote of our parking spaces are within easy walking distance (three or four city blocks) of nearby office buildings. Our parking office staff remains dedicated to ensuring that the overbooking of parking lots does not result in overflows and will make adjustments as needed to accommodate our customers.

Parking spaces too small (SIZ - 15). The majority of parking spaces on the campus have a standard dimension of 9 feet wide by 20 feet long. In the NRB garage a decision was made in conjunction with agency management to size those spaces at 8 feet wide in order to increase the total number of spaces. Parkers in this situation must use extra care in entering and exiting vehicles to respect the property of others. GA is prepared to discuss

the possibility of re-striping this area with agency management and our planned parking advisory group.

Poor lighting (LIT - 11). The standard for lighting of parking garages is one foot candle for general areas measured on the parking surface (Illuminating Engineering Society North America). There is no record of lighting surveys for the existing parking structures, which indicates a need to measure light levels and determine what improvements are needed, if any.

GA understands the concerns for safety and security in large underground parking facilities, especially for someone walking alone or after normal work hours. Fortunately, the State Patrol reports that no incidents of assault or any other crime likely to cause injury or harm to an individual have occurred in parking facilities in the past two years. While campus parking facilities have been safe for customers, GA is committed to exploring ways to strengthen the safe and secure environment.

We are currently studying a proposal to install new lighting in the East Plaza Garage. This project would be done in partnership with Puget Sound Energy. There are 1,400 light fixtures in the Plaza Garage. The majority of them are high pressure sodium (HPS) lights that were state-of-the-art in terms of energy efficiency for the output provided at the time of installation. Modern fluorescent lamps now rival or exceed the efficiency of the HPS lights. Furthermore, the quality of light produced is expected to provide greater color differentiation, and the shape of the fixture may also provide greater coverage. As a test, new fixtures have been installed on the F1 row in the Plaza Garage. Customers are invited to observe for themselves and provide comments to the parking office or the Facility Asset Manager, Mel Austin, at 902-0987 or email at maustin@ga.wa.gov.

Security/Vandalism/Theft (SEC - **31)**. The NRB garage is the primary source of vandalism and theft complaints. During July 2003 there was a spike in the number of car prowls and break-ins in that area. Here are some statistics for the campus as a whole as of the end of June 2004.

Category	Last 12 Months	Prior 12 Months	% Change
Theft	23	15	53%
Vandalism	29	14	107%
Car Prowl	12	9	33%

Clearly these trends were not favorable. The GA Parking Office has daily contact with the campus WSP detachment and they work closely together to target and solve problems. Troopers identified and apprehended two individuals responsible for a number of crimes listed in the above chart. They are awaiting trial. Since then the level of crime has dropped off. Because of the ease of access WSP will continue to focus on this area.

WSP has also made a number of recommendations to help reduce the potential for future losses. These include removing high value items from vehicles, or if they cannot be

removed, place them out of sight and lock the vehicle. Also, parkers should report all car prowls, thefts and vandalism as soon as they are discovered.

Unfortunately, criminal activity can not be completely stopped. GA and WSP are committed to doing all in our power and given resources to provide a safe and secure environment and, when that fails, to apprehend offenders.

d. Fee Increase is Not Justified/More Financial Details Required (FIN – 30)

<u>Summary of comment(s)</u>: Twenty-five stakeholders stated that they did not believe GA had made a case for economic justification of the fee increase or that they wanted more details concerning the use of parking funds.

Response:

The current fee structure produces approximately \$1.35 million per year. This rule change would increase the annual revenue to approximately \$1.65 million per year.

Historically, parking fees have only covered the debt for the construction of parking facilities (the East Plaza and the Natural Resources Building Garages) and for some of the more recent repairs. For a brief period (1999-2003), the state commute trip reduction program also received funding from parking fees. These expenses have fluctuated in recent years because a substantial number of the original parking facility construction bonds were paid off during 2000. From 1996 through 2004, such expenses averaged just under \$1 million per year. However, we are now faced with new debt from the major repairs and seismic upgrade for the East Plaza Garage.

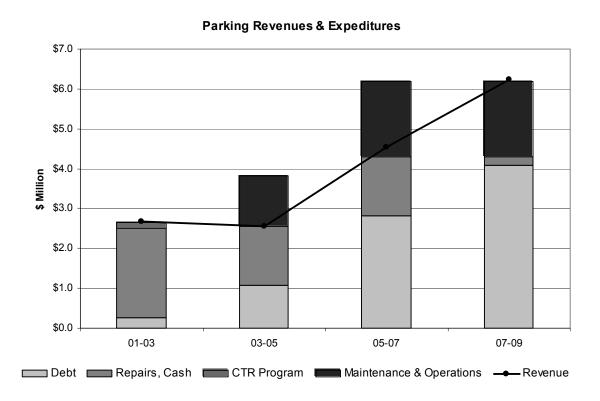
In addition, parking rental fees have never paid the cost of maintenance and operations (e.g. utilities, security, cleaning, personnel). We estimate the annual cost of maintenance and operations at \$911,000.

The 2003 Legislature provided clear direction to GA in the FY 03-05 Operating Budget that the full cost of maintenance, operations and capital reinvestment shall be covered by parking fees. This reaffirmed the direction contained in RCW 46.08.172 stating that GA will establish parking fees for capital campus parking facilities to reduce subsidization of this service or to support the commute trip reduction program. Like most of GA's services, we must bring fees and expenses for parking services into line to ensure good service to our customers and stewardship of state assets.

Today's parking revenue does not meet established state policy, legislative direction, nor GA's strategic direction. The proposed increase partly closes the gap in funding, but we expect future phased fee increases to fully meet state policy. Delaying these phased increases will only result in steeper rate increases within the next five to ten years.

Illustration 3-1 below demonstrates the effect of capturing all the costs associated with parking facilities and the future revenue requirements.

Illustration 3-1.



Bond principal and interest payments will peak in FY 2008 and gradually decline until paid off in 2032.

Some stakeholders have expressed concern that parkers are being asked to bear a disproportionate share of the burden for the East Plaza Garage repairs and upgrade. Parking funds will pay approximately 55 percent of the total cost of \$54 million. Non-parking fee revenues, specifically General Obligation bonds and timber revenues, are used to pay the plaza surface improvements.

Parking fees will pay for the upgrades that benefit parkers, to include:

Roof replacement. This upgrade halts deterioration of the structure due to water intrusion, prevents vehicle damage from dripping water, and improves the garage environment.

Structural and seismic upgrades. This makes the garage a survivable structure in a seismic event, repairs structural damage caused by leaks and extends the useful life of the structure.

Traffic and way finding upgrades. Improved traffic and directional signage is installed on all levels and roadways including at stair and elevator towers. Designated safe walking paths have been painted on the roadway surface. Crosswalks are better lighted and marked (more upgrades to be added). Security. Conduits have or will be installed to accommodate future security camera installation.

Fire sprinkler and alarm system. Additional detection devices and a new fire alarm control panel have been installed.

Stairways improved to bring all stairways into compliance with current safety and ADA codes.

Other upgrades. Approximately \$200,000 is set aside in Phase V for additional safety and security upgrades. The parking advisory committee will have the opportunity to provide input on the use and prioritization of these dollars.

Market Rate Comparison:

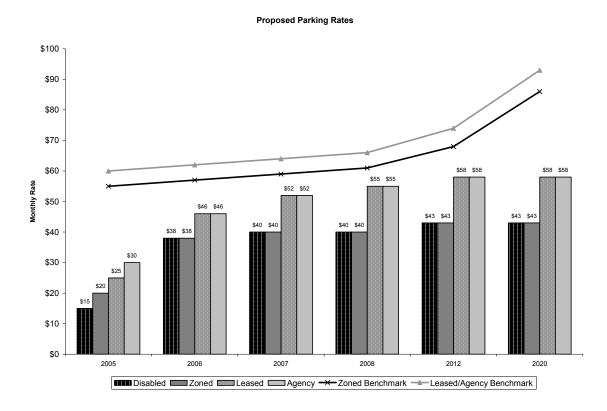
RCW 46.08.172 directs GA to also consider the local market rates of comparable privately owned rental parking in setting campus rates. GA's existing zoned rates are more than 60% *below* local market benchmarks. In accordance with GA's strategic plan goals, the current proposal and future fee projections remain at least 15% below the local private market benchmarks.

GA surveyed parking rental rates for various facilities within Olympia. We established benchmarks for zoned and leased (reserved) parking by choosing facilities that are in close proximity to the capital campus and closely approximate the types of parking facilities offered on the campus.

The benchmark for zoned parking is the Diamond Parking facility at Franklin and 4th Avenue. This is a surface lot charging \$55.40 per month, which is the same as the average (\$55.31) for the survey. This facility does not have assigned stalls and the owner assumes no liability for damage to vehicles. This benchmark is also used for the rate charged to persons with disabilities.

The benchmark for leased/reserved, agency and non-state users is the Governor House garage at Legion and Capitol Way. This facility has a combination of covered and surface parking. The monthly parking rental fee is \$60 regardless of which area the parker uses, which is 8.5% above the average for the survey. The customer does not get a reserved space and the operator assumes no liability for damage to vehicles. While this does not compare directly with the campus system of reserved spaces, we believe that there is sufficient qualitative similarity. Illustration 3-2 below shows the current rate increase and projected future rate increases needed to meet future obligations.

Illustration 3-2.



Notes to Illustration 3-2.

- 1. The line depicting the benchmark rates is escalated by 3 percent annually to account for inflationary pressures. Both the Franklin and 4th facility and the Governor House were surveyed in August 2003 and again in August 2004. Their rates increased 29 percent and 10 percent, respectively, over that period of time.
- 2. The GA goal for rate establishment is that rates will be at least 15% below private market rates. The above graph shows that the proposed rates meet or exceed that goal.

e. Accessible Parking for Persons with Disabilities (DIS1)

<u>Summary of comment(s)</u>: Two (2) stakeholders stated that parking fees should not be increased for disabled persons and asserted that disabled persons should not be charged for parking at all, citing RCW 46.61.582 as justification.

Response:

RCW 46.61.582 allows persons with disabilities free parking in public metered areas and/or to park beyond the time allowed on the meter. GA does provide free accessible visitor parking throughout the campus, but this rulemaking concerns lots and garages where monthly fees are charged. For example, although the City of Olympia allows

people with accessible placards or license plates to park free at meters on their streets, they are still charged to park in lots where monthly fees are charged. Similarly, parkers with accessible placards or license plates must still pay to park at private Diamond lots.

The University of Washington, Western Washington University, The Evergreen State College, Eastern Washington University, and the community colleges that charge for parking all charge people with disabilities to park, a charge that is equal to any other student, visitor, or faculty member. Further, all agencies that charge for parking off campus charge the same fee to their employees with disabilities. All provide accessible parking spaces close to the buildings.

f. Support for the Proposal.

<u>Summary of Comment(s)</u>: Seventeen (17) stakeholders expressed support for the proposal citing the low cost compared with private alternatives in this and other municipal areas; encouragement to use alternative transportation modes or carpooling; removing more of the burden from taxpayers and placing the cost on the users of the resource; the idea that inflationary pressures in the past fourteen years justifies the increase; and the wide availability of covered parking as an advantage during periods of inclement weather.

Response: GA appreciates these remarks as well as those submitted by stakeholders expressing opposition to the proposal. We also note that the Seattle/Tacoma consumer price index for the period since the last fee increase has averaged 3.1% annually – a 28% erosion in the state's ability to effectively apply parking revenues to service delivery. Adding to that, the legislature has communicated their intent that parking fees bear more of the expenses directly related to parking (see paragraph 3.d. above).

Finally, GA believes that we are providing good value as measured against competitors in this service area.

g. Means Testing, Charge Customers According to Income Level (MT)

Summary of comment: Two (2) stakeholders suggested that parkers should pay a fee based on their income level.

Response: GA has considered this proposal. However, such a system would unfairly charge some parkers more for exactly the same service. We are providing a service for a fee in much the same way as a barber or hairdresser. Those providers do not set fees according to income level and neither do private providers of rental parking space.

Stakeholder	Comments	Issues Discussed	Reference Response(s)
Aberle, Barb; WSDOT	I oppose the rate increase for parking. There are plenty of state employees who park at state facilities that are not required to pay for parking. We have to pay already and now we have to pay even more? There are a number of employees who avoid the parking lot fee by parking on the streets. This works well for employees who arrive to work early and can take advantage of the free street parking. This option is not available to employees who schedules are more fixed or who may have to leave at different times during the day for a variety of reasons (day care, sick child, etc).	OFF	See para 3b above.
Ackley, Mike; DFW	Why should I pay an additional \$5 for zoned parking??? I already pay \$15 per month for the privilege to come to work. This is ridiculous to continue to work with no cost of living increases, increase in cost of health benefits, and now additional parking charges! Soon I will be paying the state to work for them. If revenues are the issue just look at the Governors office who just got a 17% raise as well as others within the system who get COLA. Try no balancing the budget on the backs of people who work for a living.	EH	See para 3a above.
Albert, Donna; GA	I agree that parking rates should reflect actual costs. Higher costs for single vehicle use encourage carpooling and other alternatives. However, we should be getting our cost of living increase, plus the lost increases we have missed. Our salaries are eroding.	EH, SUP	See para 3a & f above.
Alvarez, Leilani; DOL	I will not be able to attend but first the insurance and now parking and we never get a raise it just does not seem fair.	EH	See para 3a above.
Anderson, Vicki; DOL	I am against raising parking fees. I have worked at other state locations, and there parking fees are less, or they are not charged at all. Since we have not received pay raises in the last few years and our portions of health care keeps increasing. Soon we will be paying more to work, then not.	OFF	See para 3b above.
Anonymous (1), DOL	Raising the parking fees at this time is totally unfair. The place is filthy - not maintained - Dusty Dirty - Construction - but prior to that - Dusty Dirty - inept Management - to allow occurances of keying of cars of which mine was one - other people - parkers denting up your doors - If assigned parking one would know who diged the car - poor pool mgmt - if you don't have to account for anything, you shouldn't get more money	DIR	See para 3c above.
Anonymous (2)	Please add to your web site how the \$38 Market rate was calculated - does this only include Olympia, or is Tacoma also in the calculation? All Western Washington? What exactly is the "Market" area used for the \$38 figure?	FIN	See para 3d above.
Anonymous (3)	Why is the general parking service area the one to have the price increase? If it was spread out through all the areas the increase would not have to be so much - it could be split between all entities.	OFF	See para 3b above.

Stakeholder	Comments	Issues Discussed	Reference Response(s)
Anonymous (4); DNR	Your information provided does not include enough information to understand what the issue is. It would appear that what is driving the proposed increase is a large project to repair a major existing parking structure. Should not the fees collected in the past 30-40 years have been saved in part to provide repairs. This is almost like requiring parkers to pay for a new parking garage out of their own pockets and then collecting rent from them besides. I believe that efforts are not being made to control costs either, why should we pay for free parking along the lake for others and then also pay for a free shuttle to deliver them to the capitol campus?	DIS2, FIN	See para 3b & d above. Parking fees are not used to pay for the Deschutes Parkway spaces. The shuttle you referred to no longer runs and has not for several years. Parking fees were not used to pay for this shuttle. The Legislative Shuttle route is a circular one running from the legislative building to the parking lot on Jefferson, north on Jefferson to 11th and back to the campus/legislative building. It is totally paid for by the House and Senate and runs only during the session. It is free to anyone.
Anonymous (4); DNR (continued from above)	Off my soap box. I think that leased spaces should go up to \$35/month, visitor parking to \$0.75/hour and no increase to the rank an file until they receive a pay raise from the Legislature (leave zone parking at \$15.00/month). If you go ahead and raise the zone parking rate to \$20/month then you should also raise the handicap space rate to match. To do otherwise would seem to discriminate against zone parkers in that these are choice location spaces that should be collecting the leased rate – so are already being subsidized and should not have the subsidy increased when others have to make up the difference.	DIS2, FIN	See response in above cell.
Anonymous (5); WSDOT	I do not feel than an increase in parking fees for those state employees who work for an agency that has covered parking should have to bear the burden of paying higher parking fees when other state employees do NOT have to pay any parking fees whatsoever.	OFF	See para 3b above.
Anonymous (6)	What's to say. You are going to do what you are going to do. I have over a 100 mi. a day commute to Oly. It takes a little under 2 hours due to traffic. I am not allowed to telecommute just because. The Pierce County office was closed. Working in Oly. was not a choice. My check just keeps going down. I should be use to that by now. Thanks for making my day!	EH	See para 3a above.
Anonymous (7)	\$5.00 MAY NOT SEÉM MUCH TO AN OVER PAID POLITCIAN, BUT IT'S ALOT TO A LOW PAID OFFICE ASSISTANT.	EH	See para 3a above.
Anonymous (8)	It seems like state workers are taking the brunt of a lot of fee increases. We are required to pay more and more? When will this stop? Some are single parenting or just don't have a lot of money to work with and the more money the state takes for benefits & parking the less we have to live onThink about it	EH	See para 3a above.
Anonymous (9)	There is no way we should have to pay more for parking when we were denied pay raises & my healthcare has <u>doubled</u> . I barely make enough to support my family as it is. The parking garage has no security whats so ever.	EH, SEC	See para 3a & c above.
Anonymous (10)	I park in the plaza garage but work in the NRB and can't get a space yet. I don't think the garages are maintained very well. They are dark and dirty. \$20 is way too much to park a car for work. Please don't raise the price.	DIR, LIT	See para 3c above.

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Anonymous (11)	I am unclear on why GA is trying this. State employees have not seen a cost of living raise in over 3-years. What extra services will GA be providing to agencies?? Every encounter I have had with GA personnel being asked to fix something was not positive. I have been greeted with rudeness and ignorance. If GA's proposal includes actually providing agencies with polite and knowledgeable service then the money may be well spent. I can't see that happening though.	EH	See para 3a & d above. We rely on customer feedback to make improvements in service delivery and to help us target areas for enhanced enforcement. It helps if that feedback can be as specific as possible. We encourage parkers to walk-in to the Parking Office or call Customer Service at 725-0000 from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Parkers can also call 725-0000 with feedback 24 hours a day. We will document the concern and forward it to the appropriate office for follow up. There is also an Agency feedback form GA at http://www.ga.wa.gov/feedback.htm. This form is also available on each of GA's program websites. It is collected by "The Webmaster" and then directed to the appropriate program. We will strive to remedy the situation as quickly as we can.
Anonymous (12)	While I'm not entirely against an increase I must say that it seems to be a very poor time for it considering the fact that we don't even get to use all of the spaces and the fact that we all have essentially taken pay cuts for the last two years. Another issue I have is the fact that the garage doesn't seem to be cleaned up on a regular basis. I've noticed that some idiots that use the garage also use it as their own personal garbage dump, choosing to throw their garbage on the ground instead of using the garbage cans and there it sits day in and day out. My final gripe is the fact that the increase will not affect the disabled parking, why not? They use the same amount of space and as far as I know are not paid any less for the jobs they perform.	EH, DIS2, DIR	See para 3a, b, & c above.
Anonymous (13) (A concerned resident)	How can you even suggest that it would be fair to increase the parking rates? The timing of such a proposal is way way wrong!! How long has it been since the State workers have received a cost of living increase? And what about the increases in the cost of health care benefits??! I think you should quit chipping away aty their salaries!!!	EH	See para 3a above.
Anonymous(14)	Has this public site been paid for? I wonder about any profit parking fees may generate. I wonder whether these fees create a slush fund beyond what's needed for maintenance.	Other	Yes the original construction costs of garages have been paid. Parking fees partially funded those costs. Until the current biennium parking fees were only used to pay for new construction of parking facilities, capital renewal projects, principle and interest on bonds sold to finance these projects, and some costs associated with the commute trip reduction program (see paragraph 3.d. above). Any unexpended balance of parking funds were carried over to cover new costs.

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Anundson, Valerie; DOL	I very strongly object to the proposed increase in parking fees. Not because we don't get a raise ourselves - but because I don't feel the parking garage is maintained or patroled enough to make it a clean and safe place to park. I live in a one income home and already spend over 100.00 a month just to work here (union dues, gas, parking fees), however I would mind paying a 5.00 increase if the garage was kept clean, was well enough lit so I could feel safe walking to my car (we cannot always use 'the buddy system' when going to and from our cars). I see people all the time driving without their lights on, speeding, running the stops nothing is done until a pedestrian complains they were almost hit.	NUM, DIR, ENF, LIT, SEC	See para 3c above.
Anundson, Valerie; DOL	Then we all get an email reminding us of 'the rules'. the pedestrians still walk where there are no crossing areas. sometimes walking our from behind the barriers right in front of cars. They cannot be seen because it's dark. The trash I have seen out there is gross - 1/2 empty beer bottles, dirty diapers, piles of cigarette butts where people have emptied their ashtrays. Lets get someone out there cleaning the garage up - lighting it up - patrolling for people driving unsafely - then talk about raising the rates - you may then get a more positive reaction. Also - if people don't park ing the garage because they ride the bus, carpool or park on the street, they should not have a say in whether or not the fees are raised. Of course the busriders are all for it.	NUM, DIR, ENF, LIT, SEC	See para 3c above.
Anundson, Valerie; DOL	now i have one more comment to add to my other comments. i see in the parking garage a whole row of "assigned for dnr" spaces. this sure cuts down on parking for the rest of us, especially when those are "prime parking spots" for those of us who work at dol. couldn't those reserved for dnr be put somewhere else. there are other rows which would be just as convenient for them. and is their parking garage full????? twice i have come into the garage only to find one parking spot available, clear down on f level where it is dark and where i feel unsafe walking to and from my car. if i'm going to pay for parking, i sure want to know that i have somewhere to park!	NUM, DIR, ENF, LIT, SEC	See para 3c above.
Arothrop, Satch; DOL , Public Hearing Comment (3- 31-04)	Mr. Satch Arothrop, Department of Licensing, said he has the same opinion as others about the lack of salary increase and other state employees not being charged for parking. It isn't fair for some employees being required to pay parking fees based on their location. He said he is against the parking increase.	EH, OFF	See para 3a & b above.

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Baker, Bruce; DFW	I am writing to say that I am a little annoyed at hearing that my parking fee at the NRB may be going up. I have to ask you what is GA going to do with the additional revenues? I'm angered over the increase because in the 12 years I've been parking I have not seen any noticeable improvements that would justify an increase. Vehicles have had damage to their paint and instead of solving the problem, signs were put up saying to park at your own risk. I think GA should take responsibility and fix the problem, not shift the blame. I have heard that the parking spaces were oversold, therefore you are receiving more revenue than would be expected. Second, what I find a little disheartening is that you are considering future fee increases and the first one hasn't even taken place yet. I have to agree with other state employees I have spoken to in that we are getting nickel and dimed to death. Why is it that only capitol campus employees have to pay for parking? Why can't all state facilities charge for employee parking? Thank you for considering my comments.	OFF, SEC, FIN	See para 3b, c & d above.
Barker, Morris; DFW	Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I realize that all costs are going up, both for state agencies and state employees which in turn affects the cost of government functions and the budgets of individuals. Recognizing the need for both is not captured in the current proposal and I would suggest linking fee increases to state employee cost of living raises. Under this scenario fees will only be increased with legislated COLA raises and the parking fee adjustments would be automatically adjusted in dollar increments to meet the government cost of the service.	EH	See para 3a above.
Barnes, Kerry; DOL	NO RAISE IN PARKING. Why no lighting upgrade.	LIT	See para 3c above.
Barrie, Sarah; ECY	does the increase have anything to do with the yearly capitol campus parking passes the agencies purchase?	Other	Neither agency parking rental rates or the annual passes are affected by this rule revision.
Batchelor, Linda; Public Hearing Comment (3- 24-04)	Ms. Linda Batchelor explained she worked for the Department of Transportation Headquarters and parks in the Plaza garage. She stated she believes this increase comes at a bad time with the increase in everything, including groceries and gasoline. Everything is increasing except the paychecks. There has not been a cost of living increase in about three to four years. Being the lowest paid in her office, five dollars might not seem like much, but it is.	EH	See para 3a above.
Batchelor, Linda; WSDOT	Why don't you wait until we can at least get a cost of living increase? Our insurance has gone up, the cost of living has gone up, and now you are talking about making our parking go up. For those of us who are the lowest paid on the ladder this makes it even harder to make ends meet. Five dollars doesn't seem like much, but when you have everything else going up around you including gas prices and the only thing staying the same is your check, then this makes it hard. Please don't raise the price.	EH	See para 3a above.

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Batchelor, Rod; Public Hearing Comment (3- 24-04)	Mr. Rod Batchelor stated he was the husband of Ms. Linda Batchelor. He stated there is a couple of things he feels should take place. First, just recently their health insurance changed pharmacy carriers, which he believes the Uniform Plan is a state self-insured plan. The increase, just by changing to a different pharmacy service, changed the co-payments by over 100 percent. The co-payments they paid \$40 for last month cost \$137 this month. When there is an increase like this, an additional \$5 for parking is a lot, especially when the cost of everything else is increasing. For instance with gas prices, last month it cost \$25 to fill a tank of gas and this month it cost \$35. The family budget is slowly shrinking to nothing, which leads to unhappy people because there is no money left over to do anything on the weekends. This is poor timing on the state's part to make an increase at this time with where everything else is going.	EH	See para 3a above.
Beck, Charles; Sen LA	To Whom This May Concern: I would like to state my opposition to the proposed increase in parking fees. State employees have not had cost of living increases for several years. Due to the tight budget situation the state has been in, I can certainly understand that. However, besides no cost of living increases, state employees have had their health care premiums increase by a fairly substantial amount. What this means in reality, is that for some state employees, their take-home pay has actually declined. Now, with the proposed parking increase from GA, the state is wanting to further decrease state employee take-home pay. Frankly, I think the timing on this is wrong. I fail to see the need for any parking fee increase and to propose one at this time is like a slap in the face of state employees who have already had to sacrifice and "tighten their belts" during the fiscal problems the state has had to deal with for the last few years. Please do not increase parking fees PS: The views expressed in this e-mail are my own.	EH	See para 3a above.
Benson, Brian; WDFW	The timing of this proposed rate increase is incredibly poor. It comes at a time when state employees have watched their earning power decrease. Mosty state employees have not had a cost of living raise in three years and none are on the horizon. Health care costs have skyrocketed and basic living expenses have all gone up, not mention the price increase would be much more palatable at a time when state employees have seen something positive in their pay stubs. I do not thin the proposed rates are unfair, the timing is just wrong.	EH	See para 3a above.
Bergeron, Robert; OFM	The email sent on March 9th stated: Fees for 750 leased spaces would increase to \$25, up from the current \$20. and The proposed rate increase is intended to bring parking revenues closer to General Administration's actual cost of providing and maintaining parking areas. I park in a leased space on the street and I was wondering what it is about my 8'x20' slab of cement that costs \$360 a year to maintain?	FIN	See para 3d above.

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Berrow, Ronnie; ATG	As a state employee with no other parking options, I'm offended that GA would even ask those of us who work on campus to pay an increase inparking rates. This is an unfair burden on the few - maybe we all should start searching for empolyment opportunities in Tumwater or Lacey. I echo the comments of my co-workers and add a few: 1)the increase would amount to a \$5 cut in pay for state employees on a "fixed" income resulting from no pay raises. 2)the increase/cut would be on top of the recent "cut" resultinf from incresed health insurance premiums. 3) Morale has already suffered and staff have gone to other agencies or left the office. 4) staff working at other locations have no parking fee. 5) the parking environment is very unpleasant (dirty, noisy, cigarette smoke, car exhaust, running water on the walls, dampness, dark - many of the overhead lights do not work). 6) parking spaces appear to have decreased in the last year, requiring more tome to locate a space and longer hikes through the unpleasant envronment.	EH, DIR, LEA, DIS2	See para 3a, b & c above.
Berrow, Ronnie; ATG	7) the fee for disabled parking is proposed to stay the same; however, they use teh same amount of space and are paid the same as the rest of state employees. How many comparable parking garages are available to the general public int he Olympia area that would generate the average market rates quoted and require a statutory increase? GA should not raise the parking rates at least until state employees receive a pay raise that more than offsets the parking fee increases, so there is a net gain for staff, and also until the parking environment is significantly improved.	EH, DIR, LEA, DIS2	See para 3a, b & c above.
Biehler, Tanya; DSHS	Does the legislature pay to park on the campus? This is totally unacceptable when state employees haven't received a pay raise since 2001. I am legally handicapped and have a disabled parking place card. Why do I have to pay to park on/in GA facilities when I do not have to pay to park in city, county or other state facilities?	DIS1, Other	See para 3e above. Yes, If they park in on- campus parking facilities under the control of GA, legislators and their staffs do pay parking fees based on the same fee schedule as all others.
Blake, Bonnie; DOT	Although I can understand the importance you place on raising our parking fees I disagree with the idea for the following reasons: We have not had even a cost of living raise for the last several years; Our insurance costs more and covers less; gas is going skyhigh; In other words everything seems to be getting raised except our salaries. Just how do you propose to address your timing here.	EH	See para 3a above.

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Blakley, Ann; WDFW	I would like to express my opposition to the proposed increase in parking fees at the NRB. Although the amount is not very large, it is yet another pay cut for state employees. We have been experiencing pay cuts in the forms of increased health care costs, and these cumulative cuts are beginning to have an effect on our standard of living. Unlike legislators, we are not able to increase our incomes when we consider it appropriate. Until our pay reflects cost-of-living increases, we should not be required to pay more (for no improvement in the condition of the NRB parking spaceshave you parked in P3 lately?)	EH	See para 3a above.
Boessow, Steven N.; DFW	I would like to comment on the proposal to raise the parking rates for General Administration (GA) owned parking lots. I have worked in the Natural Resource Building (NRB) since 1992. I have used the NRB parking garage the entire time for various assigned agency vehicles and for the past two years parking my personal vehicle. All of my comments are specific to the NRB parking garage. If GA feels the need to increase the parking rates then basic services need to improve. The NRB parking garage leaks and causes damage to car finishes, has some incredibly difficult areas to maneuver or park and has structures that are a danger to car tires. In addition, security and enforcement don't focus on problems of non-permitted parking, especially during the legislative session. Overall, I would give the parking garage very poor marks for quality and safety. Whenever it rains the leaks in the roof cause lime deposits on vehicles. All of our state vehicles have been victims of this damage, and many privately owned vehicles continue to suffer damage. This problem has been present for 12 years and never been properly addressed.	SIZ, LEA, ENF, SEC	See para 3c above.
Boessow, Steven N.; DFW	A short tour of the NRB parking garage will show signs of growing stalactites and stalagmites. Walking from a vehicle to a building entrance you are more likely to encounter deep puddles when under cover than in the outside areas. The horrendous multi-turn exit to get to the light at Jefferson Street is an embarrassment to traffic engineering. I know of three people, myself included, who have had tires damaged beyond repair by the sharp curb at that exit. Emails and calls to GA parking office resulted in absolutely no response. There are several other areas of the parking garage that are near impossible to get in or out of without excessive back and forth movement with small turns of the wheel. When a Ford Taurus is too large to negotiate a turn into a parking stall that indicates a design problem for the parking facility. Non-stickered vehicles are abundant, especially when the legislature is in session. Private cars park in state agency assigned parking, and it is not uncommon to find cars taking two parking spaces.	SIZ, LEA, ENF, SEC	See para 3c above.

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Boessow, Steven N.; DFW	Break-ins, especially of state owned vehicles are increasingly common. Additional patrols are needed to maintain control of the parking services we are paying for. General Administration has had 12 years to fix the NRB parking problems. Nothing has changed or improved in that time. Some things have even gotten worse. Improvements should come before more money is asked for. GA is asking legal, registered parkers to cover the costs of those who use but don't pay. Patrol the lots, ticket violators, increase convenience and safety and then ask for money.	SIZ, LEA, ENF, SEC	See para 3c above.
Britt, Jeff; DNR, Public Hearing Comment (3- 31-04)	Mr. Jeff Britt said he works at the Department of Natural Resources and parks at the building. He said he doesn't understand the comparison between parking on the Capitol Campus and private or commercial parking. He doesn't have a choice about parking. With a mandated parking policy it is not fair to raise parking costs. The substandard parking, narrow spots that drip of calcium onto vehicles is concern which need to be addressed. His counterparts, in other offices don't have to pay for parking so it costs him more to work in Olympia. He requested further explanation of where the money is going and why it is needed.	OFF, SIZ, LEA, FIN	See para 3b, c & d above.
Brooks, William; DFW	I believe any proposed increase in parking fees around the Capitol Campus areas is ill-advised to say the least. State employees have not had a cost of living increase in their pay for several years. This increase just places more financial burden on the financially strapped state employee who is seeing prices increases all around them without the benefit of a wage increase to keep up with current prices let alone price increases. How about GA giving us a break until at such time the legislature decides enough is enough and provides the state employee some cost of living increases? Thanks.	EH	See para 3a above.
Brown, Dale; DOL	In my estimation this is another hit on state employees. We haven't had an increase in how many years of our pay and now the changes are going to take more money away from state employees. I find this rude and offensive. Every cost of living wage increase has been taken away by medical or some other presumption and with gas increases not being controlled this just makes it harder on those that live from paycheck to paycheck.	EH	See para 3a above.
Brown, Peggy L.; DSHS	The proposed fee is way too high. There are many state workers who still get free parking. This fee is too high for state workers. Thanks.	OFF	See para 3b above.
Brown-Miller, Jacqui ; ATG	I agree with the following comments (referring to Lynna Hickerson's comments) about the proposal to raise the parking fee. Please don't raise the fee. If you need more money to operate, ask the legislature, not people who are not getting raises and have to contend with the construction in the garage.	EH, OFF, NUM, LEA, DIR	See para 3a, b & c above.

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Bryan, A.	I am sorry that GA needs more funding to maintain?? parking areas. I need more to maintain my family, and have received no C.O.L.A. in 3 years. When I do I will be more receptive to a parking increase. Until then I stand opposed to this RIP OFF.	EH	See para 3a above.
Bui, Minh; DOL	I'm very worry when I heard that the parking garage bill was went up 33 % monthly . When I didn't get even 1% pay raise. Please don't be misunderstanding me , because I don't worried about pay five dollars more for parking, but I do worried about very soon - If everything went up 33%. no one off us worker have enough money to pay our bill. If you go to work everyday, but you don't make enough money to pay your bill- Are you still be an interested in go to work? If no one of us interested to go to work. Please think what is the world would become. Please thinking about it and try to help the world become a better place to live now and later in the future. Thank you for your understanding and help!	EH	See para 3a above.
Burke, Sherri- Ann; WFSE	While parking costs are significantly less than in large metropolitan areas, increased cost while employee benefits decrease, (ie no COLA year after year, higher health care costs, increased inflation) result in less in employees pockets. This city needs to make a concerted effort to build/expand parking facilities to accommodate public needs while keeping the monthly rate affordable to employees who have less and less spending capacity each year. Consider a pro rated system fro those of lower income or employer matching system especially for thos who utilize car pooling. Rotaional parking spaces for those who telework or engage in commute reduction schedules to maximize space usage.	EH	See para 3a above.
Cahill, Vicki; GA	I feel that ALL state employees should pay to park on Capital campus as the RCW statesI know that the director can waive the fees if he/she chooses. It's just so damned unfair to target just one (daytime) group of employees to fund the whole parking program. I do not mind paying my part, I would just like the others who park pay theirs. Thanks	OFF, NDS	See para 3b above.
Cahill, Vicki; GA, Public Hearing Comment (3- 31-04)	Ms. Vicki Cahill, GA, said increases are needed from time to time, but there have not been any wage increases. This is a bad time for a parking increase. Inequity is an issue due to dayshift employees pays for parking services while swing and graveyard employees don't pay for parking. Spread the burden with a balance and equity for all employees.	EH	See para 3a above.

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Camp, Ken; Sen LA	Andy, I'd say my main complaint about this parking fee increase is that until we in the Senate receive cost of living raises (not our yearly step increases) and our health care premiums don't get raised, I don't want to see parking rates go up. It's not like entrepreneurs are opening up parking lots and charging employees less to park than you are. There is no competition. And whether you work in the Senate or some other division of the State, you're a public servant, and most of us aren't getting rich off of our jobs. Perhaps for serving the public in the exemplary manner that we all strive for, GA can keep the rates the same or find a way to pay the extra \$5 itself. Tell GA administration to make a budget request of the Ways & Means chairman for next year.	EH	See para 3a above.
Campbell, Melynda; ATG	I suppose a rate increase is necessary to pay for the improvements of the plaza, but why isn't the disabled parking rate increasing? Disabled permit holders don't get paid any less than the rest of us, they should pay their share. The motorcycle parking rate I can understand—since bikes are smaller, more efficient and take up less space.	DIS2	See para 3b above.
Cangelosi, Millie ; ESD	The garage has been paid off for how long? And we are still paying. There has been no pay raise for at least three years, no cost of living increase and medical insurance payments keep going up every year. Just keep on bleeding us.	EH	See para 3a above.
Capps, Melinda; DOT	I wanted to add my feedback since I will be unable to attend either of the public meetings. Number 1, I am trying to understand how you can justify a parking rate increase when our insurance rates continue to go up yearly and now with talk of state agencies paying less and the empoloyee paying more, plus all our co-pays and prescriptions have gone up also. Then lets add the price of gas that continues to increase and now you want to add another increase when we haven't had a cost of living raise in almost four years to justify these increases. So,instead of seeing an increase in our wages yearly we continue to see our wages go down.	EH, NUM, Other	See para 3a & c above. We have had to block off numerous parking spaces in the Plaza Garage due to the construction activity overhead. This was done to avoid debris falling on and damaging vehicles. These closed spaces changed weekly as the overhead work progressed. However, even when the maximum number of spaces were closed on the upper levels, we had available parking in the Plaza Garage. With only a few exceptions and a small number of stalls, the closures were over by April.

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Capps, Melinda; DOT	Number 2 - I really resent having to pay \$5.00 a month more for parking when I fight each day to find a place to park in the Plaza Garage. You have been blocking off spaces in both levels of the garage for months when there aren't enough spaces to accommodate the cars as it is. And you leave a person on the wait list for the DOT Garage for over nine years when there are plenty of empty spots down there everyday. How do you justify raising your rates when you allow the State Patrol to ticket employees who can't find a parking space in the Plaza so opt to park in one of the ALWAYS empty spaces in the DOT garage?	EH, NUM, Other	Until early this year, we had a full DOT Garage. The number of registered parkers did not seem to match the full garage. As a result, we reregistered the entire garage and combined the existing two zones (upper and lower) into one zone to accommodate more parkers. Our waiting list had people from 1992. After reregistration and the new permits that were issued, we had a high vacancy rate and have placed over 90 new parkers from the waiting list, reducing the time from 12 years to 6 years. We still have vacancies and are slowly backfilling from the wait list. During the summer months we will have higher vacancy rates as employees take vacations. By late September, after the peak vacation season, we will have much better information to allow us to add parkers without risking overflows.
Carlington, Apryl; DOL	I will not be able to attend any meetings, therefore I hope that you can take this short note into account. As for the rate increase, I will find this to be a hardship come next month, as I am a part time employee in DOL. I already feel the loss of the \$15 per month that I currently pay, which I have found odd as well, because I am only in the space for 4 hours a day. I have also noticed that the garage isn't really consistently maintained. There is always garbage and sometimes the same piles of garbage for some lengths of time, as well as dirty doors, walls and windows. I thank you for the time and opportunity to share my concerns with you. Have a great day!	EH, DIR	See para 3a & c above.
Carr, Sharon; DFW	I vote NO. We haven't gotten a raise and won't be getting a raise. Sorry, state budgets should not be balanced at the expense of state employees!!!	EH	See para 3a above.
Carter, Tanya; DOL	I THINK RAISING THE PARKING RATES IN THIS POOR ECONOMIC PERIOD STINKS. AS A STATE EMPLOYEE, OUR HEALTH INS. RATES KEEP GOING UP COPAYS GO UP AND WE HAVEN'T HAD A RAISE TO SPEEK OF IN YEARS. THE COST OF LIVING KEEPS CLIMBING AND CLIMBING, BUT WE JUST HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH LESS AND LESS. I THINK GOV. AGINCIES SOULD TOO!!!	EH	See para 3a above.
Casler, Diana; DOT	How much more is the state worker going to get taken out of their paycheck without a cost of living pay increase? We have had enough pay decreases! Why do we continue to do projects if we don't have funds to keep up with what we already have (i.e. new construction of the plaza near the Korean War Memorial for rally purposes.) Your solution is simply robbing Peter to pay Paul. Opposed!	EH	See para 3a above.
Celver, Phill; Leg	Just another way to tax the masses	EH	See para 3a above.

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Chapman, Melanie; DOL	I value having lighted and safe parking places for my car. I would ride the IT - but it takes 50 minutes one way to go 3.5 miles to work (and back). I realize the cost of everthing is going up - Even for state workers - but we have no COLA's. Why not make the \$5.00 per month increase a perk or type of COLA - and have the State absorb the cost. Not all state workers commute to park their cars on campus - but it still seems to be a small increase to collect from uss - and money is tight for many of us. thank you	EH	See para 3a above.
Chavey, Jane; DNR	In the long-term I am not against raising the parking fee for state workers in the capitol campus. However, I don't think prices should go up until state workers get a pay increase either cost of living or raises. I also think that all state workers in the Olympia/Tumwater/Lacey area should pay something it needs to be equitable;in fact, all parking lots were built and need to be lit and otherwise maintained, and so funds should be paid by the people who park there. If \$10 per month fees were charged for all parking in the area, it would spread the costs out, not just hit the capital campus folksespecially since in the NRB parking we have to contend with the corrosive white gunk that drips on and damages the finish on our vehicles. Thanks for asking.	EH, OFF, LEA	See para 3a,b & c above.
Chiechi, Lori; DSHS	I think it would be MUCH easier to swallow for MANY folks, the fact that parking fees are going to go up IF the parking garage was MAINTAINED it's a pig sty especially the stair wells going to the different levels!!! Would we actually see a difference? How about security for the thefts that are occurring in the garage and on campus? Would we actually see a difference there? Just some thoughts.	DIR, SEC	See para 3c above.
Christian, Rich; DSHS	I believe that a fair and equtable parking rate structure should be applied evenly to all state facilities and the income generated should go into the state general fund not just to another single agency. GA's practice of benefiting from the management of state facilities at the expense of other state agencies and their employees should be elimitated. Raising the fees on a parking structure that has bee in use for 30 years does not appear to be justified. Providing free parking at other state facilities is also unfair. Without knowing the value of a parking facility, then parking fees are an unfair tax applied unevenly and disproportionately.	OFF, MT	See para 3b and g above.

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Christian, Rich; DSHS	To be fair, a standard fee structure should be applied evenly for each city or charge a flat fee based on a percentage of a persons salary. This would then be an incentive to not drive to work and a person could get a "tax" refund if they opted out of state privided parking. This would reward commute trip reduction and be consistent with the executive order on sustainability. I do not think there should be limit on the amount charged, but all state employees should pay an equitable and fair rate. Without going through the legislative process where this entire issue should be debated and a new policy established, this has the appearance of increased and unfair "taxation without representation".	OFF, MT	See para 3b and g above.
Clark, Bruce; DOL	What is the RCW mandating these parking fees?	Other	See para 3b above. The RCW reference is 46.08.172, Parking Rental Fees – Establishment.
Clements, Joe; DNR	I don't have any problem with the rate change as long as you can keep unauthorized people from parking in my assigned handicapped parking space in the NRB. My assigned stall is P3-4 and in the past month I've had a problem with people parking there 3 times (which I've reported each time). I chose that parking spot when we moved into this building 13 years ago so that I wouldn't have problem deploying my lift in my van for ease of getting in/out of my van. It seems like every legislative session, people just park wherever they like, including my assigned handicapped parking stall. So, as I said, I don't mind the rate going up as long as enforcement is increased to keep unauthorized people from using spots that they aren't paying for.	ENF	See para 3c above.
Cohen, Ted; GA	I support the small increse of \$5 per month in parking fees. GA provides covered convenient parking. When the cost to provide this goes up GA needs to be able pas along the rising cost.	SUP	See para 3f above.
Colbert, Dale; GA	If this occurs I will personally cancel my parking space. I am sure I am not alone. This change makes transfer to agencies that provide free parking all the more attractive. In your calculation consider the effect of such defections. It is always hard to estimate how many would act in this way in such cases. If I were to throw a dart at the wall my estimate is that parking usage would drop by 7% as result of the increase, and another few percent in transfers that can not immediately be filled. I would not advise it	EH	See para 3a above.
Collins, Angie; DOT	I hope this is the right person to send our concerns about the rate increase. I for one do NOT want an increase. State workers have not had a raise in years. Some one is always trying to get more out of each of us. Please keep it at the same rate. Thank you	EH	See para 3a above.

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Collins, Doretta; DNR	When I was recruited by the Forest Practices Div. in 1993, I was told by my future bosses that although there was a small parking fee, it was temporary until the DNR finished paying GA for the garage. (I was also told that there was going to be a fitness center in P1, but that's another issue). When I later asked why we were still paying for parking years later, I was told that "they" changed the "rules" on us (without letting us know). Now I find out that we are also subject to parking fee increases.	EH, SIZ, SEC	See para 3a & c above.
Collins, Doretta; DNR	It is totally outrageous that "certain" state employees have to pay a parking fee for spaces that are already owned by the state, while others don't. Inconceivable!! Although the legislature tries to remind us that they also have to pay, we know they have a generous expense reimbursement plan - something the rest of us poor peons don't get. The legislature also has been getting regular raises - something that the rest of us also haven't gotten. On top of health care costs we now pay(which was also a recruitment inticement that the state paid for it all), real increases in the cost of living (not by the stupid index the feds use), I and most other state workers have suffered a significant loss in wages. I'm not even going to get into how poorly the garage is maintained and how cramped the parking spaces are, or security issues. I understand that GA is not at fault here - that it's a legislative mandate. So I hope that GA passes on our sentiments to the legislature but don't hold out much hope. There's a wave of onsidered in the Legislature against us hard-working state wage earners.	EH, SIZ, SEC	See para 3a & c above.
Collins, Patti	I am not a state worker, bit I can only say that as a resident of Washington State I am appalled, angery, and disappointed beyond belief after reading in The Daily Olympian today that there are plans to charge our State Employees even MORE to park in order to go to work and perform the duties that we the citizens depend on!!! First of all I don't When was the last time these people received a cost of living increase, and what about all the increases in health care cotstwhen will you beging to value these people that we all expect so much ofif The State of Washington wants to keep quality people in ths employ I suggest that you n ot try to rob them at every possible opportunityShame on You!!! A concerned resident of Washington State.	BUS	See para 3b above.
Collins, Patti	What are latest thoughts regarding the proposed parking fee increase on the capitol campus? Those involved in the decision making process need to be aware that an increase at the present time would be a real blow to the morale of those involved. The timing for this proposed increase just couldn't be worse. Let's give thiese people a break for a change. This IS NOT the time to chip away from their salary any further!!	EH	See para 3a above.

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Connell, Maryann; AGR	I would like to add my comments about the proposed parking fee rate-increase for the Natural Resources Building. There are many days out of the year that paying \$15 a month does not even guarantee us a parking spot. Is the rate increase going to improve our "odds" of having a parking place available? Even if you come early to work and get a spot, if you must leave during the day, it often difficult to find a spot when you return. It is one thing to charge us for an actual space to park in, but for about 6 months out of the year, it is difficult to even find a parking spot. On a least three occasions, I have circled the garage for over 30 minutes looking for parking place, and I normally ride the bus. I can only guess it is more frequent for people who must drive every day. I hope this fact and my question will be given fair consideration before the decision is made; and I thank you.	NUM	See para 3c above.
Cook, Rick; DSHS	Andre: I oppose any rate increase on parking fees. State workers are already bearing the burden of budget short falls. This increase is nothing more than an additional tax on capitol campus workers. Knowing the budget process, I'm guessing that GA already has the budget to maintain the parking in its current level budget. GA needs to find alternate funding sources other than the states most valuable resource, its employees. Thanks for listening.	EH	See para 3a above.
Cope, Christopher; DOL	With the number of employees currently parking in the garage I cannot fathom having to pay more money to park AT WORK! There is no free parking alternative regardless how far I am willing to walk. I am against a parking fee increase and would like to point out a strange similarity: If it is imposed by government they call it "fees" or "taxes". If it is imposed by a private party it's called "extortion"	EH	See para 3a above.
Cowan, Diane; GA	Well if we had a good covered area that didn't leak, and we wouldn't have standing water to walk through to get to our cars, in the after noon it might be different, the yellow Zone on Columbia leaks really bad, and so does the Red Zone on Union, I don't think a raise is in order right now.	LEA	See para 3c above.
Crosson, Mark; DSHS	Hi Andy! I bet you're popular! I like nearly everyone else feel that it is very unfair for GA to increase parking rates for state employees when most of us have not had a wage increase in years and because of ever decreasing medical and dental coverage have actually experienced a significant overall wage decrease. To fund the parking garage construction on the backs of poor state employees at a time that they are really feeling the financial crutch is unconscionable. Please pass this message on, though I really doubt that anybody that can have a merciful impact on this injustice really cares.	EH	See para 3a above.
Cullen, Joan; GA	ADA employees should be included in the parking rate change. I see no reason for them to pay less – they are on the same pay scales as all other state employees and not raising their parking fees too is discriminatory. As Carol Maher has said, the disabled are not poorer nor should they get special parking rates. Special parking areas, yes –but not special parking rates.	DIS2	See para 3b above.

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Cunningham, Kathy;ifpte	As the union rep for Local 17 WSP, DOT and DOL bargaining units some of whose members are located in the Capitol Campus buildings, I am again registering this protest to the proposed increased rates for campus wide parking. In an era where state employees have not seen COLAs or regular salary increases, combined with increased healthcare premiums/co-pays, this proposal is seen as just one more action causing state employees to basically subsidize the state for the cost of their own emplyment. We respectfully ask that your agency not impose any increases upon state employees. Thank you	EH	See para 3a above.
Curette, Denise; AGR	Below are my comments regarding the parking fee increase for the Natural Resource Building. I opposed any fee for parking at a place ofmplyment. The increase or any fee period is a burden for the average state employee let alone low-paid clerical staff struggling to get by. We have not had a cost of living increase in 4 years, our health care coverage has gone up, and now you want more money from us! \$240.00 a year is a lot of money for a single parent trying to get by, why, that would cover the cost of school clothes for a child. Other state emplyees such as those at L&I, Ecology and others are not forced to pay for their parking. The parking area of the NRB is not secured, the parking stalls are too small, we do not have assigned stalls and the parking lot is always dirty. We should not have to be penalized because we happen to work in the NRB which is near the capitol. Again, I oppose to any parking fee forced on state employees.	EH, SIZ, DIR	See para 3a & b above.
Curry, Steve; DNR	I completely support the position that the increases only take place for non-WMS positions when they get a cost of living increase. The WMS positions got their 7% last year. The rates can be increased for them.	EH	See para 3a above.
Curtiss, David; DOL	What was the rate charged State Employees for parking in the Capitol Campus in 1992, prior to the rate increase to \$15.00?	Other	Prior to the 1992 change parkers were charged \$10 per month for covered parking and \$5 per month for surface (uncovered) parking.
Davis, Barbara; DOT	I support the increase in parking fees. So long as parking is free or heavily subsidized, people will drive more. Meanwhile, our community is faced with ever increasing expenses related to sedentary behavior and the need for more highway capacity. Five dollars is not a big deal. If people really want to save money, they can carpool or use another option.	SUP	See para 3a above.

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Davis, Joann; DOL	I am surprised that the state is increasing parking fees at this time. State employees have not received a COLA raise in 3 years or more and the cost of medical has increased tremendously in the past two years. A hike in the parking would be another salary decrease to employees who depend on parking. It seems we are working more, paying out more to work, and coming out with less. If this continues at this rate, we may be sleeping in our vehicles in the parking lot as our home. I think it would be more reasonable to at least wait until we have received some type of raise to compensate for all these decreasing in our take home pay. Thank you	EH	See para 3a above.
Day, Cheryll; WSDOT	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. Your proposal comes at a time when there is no cost of living increase in sight. All other living expenses continue to rise. This requested increase for your department would mean another decrease to state workers income.	EH, Other	See para 3.a. & g. above.
Day, Cheryll; WSDOT (Continued from above)	Short of getting a part time job, state workers have no means of increasing their pay and must continue to downsize to bring their revenues closer to their actual cost of livingyet costs for services, insurance, etc. continue to increase for employees "so the government can bring their revenues closer to the actual cost of providing services"	EH, Other	See para 3.a. & g. above.
Day, Cheryll ; WSDOT (Continued from above)	Pay increases, union dues and taxes are based on percentage, why not parking fees? Has your department considered a sliding scale for parking fees? A rate of .005 would yield about \$10/month for someone making approximately \$2000/month, and approximately \$25/month for someone making \$5,000 a month. Or \$10/month for those who make under \$25,000 per year; \$20/month for those who make under \$50,000 year, & \$30/month for those who make over \$50,000/year.	EH, Other	See para 3.a. & g. above.
Day, Cheryll ; WSDOT (Continued from above)	The flower gardens maintained by employees are working well. Many of us walk, during our breaks, in the garage during inclement weather. I for one would welcome carrying a stick and bag when walking on break, to help keep the garage cleaner, just like the volunteers who pick up garbage along the freeways on weekends.	EH, Other	Thank you for your thoughtful suggestions. We appreciate your good citizenship and encourage others to follow suit.
Dehe, Moirya; Leg	Hi Andy I just wanted to send you my comments on the proposed parking increase. Between this proposed increase and the increase in our healthcare costs along with not receiving a cost of living raise it will be like we won't even see any pay increase after receiving our step raise. This is especially true if you are at the low end of the pay scale as your pay increase is much less. Is this \$5.00 increase going to provide added security measures and lighting in the parking garage? Increase parking availability? Parking fees should be determined as to where you park. (location) If one has a premium parking spot they should pay more. Most parking garages and lots in Seattle are based on this. There should be an increase in parking rates for public parking during legislative session. (supply and demand) Parking is at a premium then. Maybe if this was done the money that GA needs to generate would be spread out more evenly by all users and in a fairer manner.	EH, NUM, LIT, SEC	See para 3a & c above.

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Dehe, Moirya; Leg (continued from above)	A \$5.00 increase does not seem to be a lot for those especially if you have a "primo" assigned space and a salary that can afford an increase. A flat rate parking fee no matter where your assigned parking is should be a thing of the past. After all we are all familiar with paying more if something is worth more (location, security, convenience). Thanks for listening	EH, NUM, LIT, SEC	See para 3a & c above.
Deibert, Debbie; Leg	Hi AndreDuncan Crump told me about thisand the problem about how payroll office were instructed last year to increase the rates by \$5.00then July 1, the authority for that increase was no longer validour payroll office was NEVER informed to revert back to \$15.00 per month for zoned parking and \$20.00 in the case of specific-leased parking. A refund of \$40.00 is due to each of our parking employeesplease advise.	Other	Duncan Crump, GA Parking Office met with the West Campus agencies on this issue. This was resolved by stopping the payroll deductions for a period equal to the overpayments, then restarting payroll deductions at the correct rate.
DeVore, David; DOL	We just had a rate increase just before the beginning of the year. It looks like Parking Rates, ETC are going up. What about salaries to cover these increases?	EH, OFF	See para 3a & b above.
DeVore, David; Public Hearing Comment (3- 31-04)	Mr. David DeVore, Department of Licensing, said the parking increase isn't appropriate at this time due to the salary situation. State employees in Tumwater don't pay for parking. Laws can be changed.	EH, OFF	See para 3a & b above.
Dipola, Leo; DCF	No matter if it is \$5.00 or \$500.00 when the meployees are facing higher insurance rates amongst gas going up, as well as other staples. The nerve of the state at this point and time is outrageous. Especially with no raise sin nearly 4 years. What a way to say thank you to your employees.	EH	See para 3a above.
Donohue, Paul; GA	I agree with Rich's comments wholeheartedly. I think it would be better to establish a revolving account in the GF for parking upkeep and repairs. (Note: This is a reference to the comment from Rich Christian)	OFF, MT	See para 3b above.
Downey, Peter; DOT	I find it amazing that GA would propose to raise the parking rates by 33% with no justification for this increase. If GA has had a 33% increase in expenses that coincides with managing the parking garages, then verify it! If there are other reasons for the proposed increase, then justify that. Provide some documentation that justifies the increase or there will be no support. Without any justification, this seems to be an arbitrary action on the part of GA. Also your e-mail hints at future rate increases. The last time I checked GA was a public agency. You need to be forthcoming with GA plans that allows time for public comment. Or do we need to file a public disclosure petition to obtain all the document surrounding this increase? Your timely response to this correspondence is both expected and appreciated.	FIN	See para 3d above.
Dungan, Pamela; ATG	I guess it wouldn't be such a big deal if we actually could find a place to park – I get here at 7:15 am, and because of repairs, problems wherein they have to block off spots with cones, and "reserved" parking spots that are NEVER filled, it's still not easy to just find a spot to park in HLB, a building where the majority of people don't get here until 8 a.m. anyway. Adding to the parking fee at this time seems like salt rubbed in the wound.	NUM	See para 3c above.

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Dyer, Lee; DFW	I am appalled that an increase is even being considered. State employees haven't had a raise and it doesn't look like we'll be getting one. Extra cost for parking is like getting a pay cut.	EH, SIZ, NUM, LEA, LIT	See para 3a & c above.
Dyer, Lee; DFW	I pay to park in the NRB. During legislative session, I often cannot find a space there. The stalls are so narrow, that even with my compact car I can barely squeeze into some of the spaces and then when I do, if I'm next to a pickup truck or SUV, I can't open the door to get out of the car! In the winter, when I get out of the car, it is often into a puddle of water – in covered parking areas! Dripping water has damaged my car. The bike storage cage on Level P-1 hasn't had a working lock for months. Lighting is reduced to the point that I often can't see well enough to get the key in the door, not to mention the safety issue of not having a well-lit garage. GA vehicles seem to occupy more and more spaces at the NRB. I would ride the bus from Tacoma but parking at the Park & Rides is full by 6:45 am. If the idea behind the increase is too limit traffic in Oly. Or reduce commuter trips by making parking more expensive, maybe there should be some reasonable alternatives that actually work! And don't solve GA's financial problems at the expense of state employees.	EH, SIZ, NUM, LEA, LIT	See para 3a & c above.
Eagles, Mark; DOL	I feel is they increase the parking fee without emp permission. Then maybe it should go for the voting before you can increase the fee or pass a law You know the economy is not doing so well I think it the wrong time to ask for a increase fee. And I heard the had a meeting today you were not allow have the emp voice there concern I think that wrong. Am very outspoken and confront things. I will allow them to take away my freedom of speech.	EH	See para 3a above.
Elliot, Cheryl; ATG	While I'm not entirely against an increase I must say that it seems to be a very poor time for it considering the fact that we don't even get to use all of the spaces and the fact that we all have essentially taken pay cuts for the last two years. Another issue I have is the fact that the garage doesn't seem to be cleaned up on a regular basis. I've noticed that some idiots that use the garage also use it as their own personal garbage dump, choosing to throw their garbage on the ground instead of using the garbage cans and there it sits day in and day out. My final gripe is the fact that the increase will not affect the disabled parking, why not? They use the same amount of space and as far as I know are not paid any less for the jobs they perform.	DIS2, DIR	See para 3b & c above.
English, Cathy; DOT	I'm writing to protest the proposed \$5.00 raise of parking fees. Personally, I will have a hard time trying to find another \$5.00 to squeeze out of my already thinly stretched salary. I know that \$5.00 may not seem like much to many people but it is to many others just like me. At present I am the sole support of 4 people. I am in a government subsidized home. My payments are calculated each year based on my salary. I'm the top step for my position so I don't get a raise unless the legislature votes one in. Every year the cost of health care raises. I continue to lose ground, year after year; I never get ahead. It's not like I have any luxury bills to pay, either; no premium cable channels, no satellite dish. When is it going to stop!	EH	See para 3a above.

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Eychaner, Jim; IAC	I am in favor of charging market rates if not more to encourage car pooling, transit, and bicycle use. Of course, I ride a bicycle to work. The more bicycles, the better. Thanks for consideration.	SUP	See para 3f above.
Ferester, Phil; ATG	Re. the issues surrounding parking fees in the Plaza Garage, Lynna Hickerson (email below) has ably raised many excellent points, which I second. I would add that during times when the roof area is open to the public (i.e., not under construction), those of us who use the stairwells frequently encounter the remnants of transients who use the stairwells as restrooms. I am not joking – I have been parking in this garage since 1995, and the stairwells more often than not stink of urination or defecation. I need to use those stairwells to access my worksite and leave it at least twice a day. I also note that even after all of the waterproofing activities that have been done on the roof, water leaks into the lower floors from the floors above through cracks large and small. These leaks carry lime from the concrete, and cause problems because of how tightly the lime bonds onto car windows and paint. The lime deposits often cannot be removed from cars.	EH, LEA, SEC, FIN	See para 3a, c & d above.
Ferester, Phil; ATG (continued from above)	Quite frankly, GA owns and operates "the only game in town" – there are no other long-term parking garages competing for the state employee's business. But if GA were running a business, I would say that while it may be doing all that it can within budget constraints, it isn't doing a good enough job to merit a rate increase from its tenants. If I had an alternate parking choice, I would seriously consider it. When GA starts doing a better job of satisfying the tenants, the landlord might THEN think about raising the rent. Until that time, we as state employees feel that we are being bilked and used. You are asking us to pay MORE for something that the state should automatically provide, free of charge, for its workers. You are asking us to pay more for a service which is inferior. And you are asking us to do this at a time when the state employees working here have not seen a pay increase for a very long time. Please reconsider your proposal. Thank you for considering my opinion on this issue.	EH, LEA, SEC, FIN	See para 3a, c & d above.
Figueroa, Paul; AGR	In light of just recently losing over \$680 in equipment and sundry items from my vehicle, plus \$400 in repair cost, it seems the dramatic increases in fees will never offset the prevention of my losses. Without adequate parking spaces, dripping of calcium deposits onto vehicles, lack of security cameras and patrols, it seems we are getting very little for the existing fees, moreover the increase. What additional would we ever gain for that increase in fees?	ENF, SEC	See para 3c above.
Flaherty, Barbara; ESD	I don't understand why disabled employees are not included in the parking fee increase. Some of my co-workers who have the disabled placards are WMS employees who are very able to pay the increase. The advantage they have is that they can park close to the entrance or elevator. I see no reason for a lower pay scale. I am assuming I don't need to repeat my previous comments on "no" increase here.	EH, BUS, LEA, DIR, DIS2,	See para 3a, b & c above.

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Flaherty, Barbara; ESD	For employees at the lower end of the wage scales a rate increase is terribly unfair. No salary increases, higher medical costs and that is just the beginning. The state should bear the cost of increases in the garage.	EH, BUS, LEA, DIR, DIS2,	See para 3a, b & c above.
Flaherty, Barbara; ESD (continued from above)	The upkeep of the garage and elevators continues to be below anyone's standards. Mice by the elevator on the "A" level, no garbage can for months, general filth, elevators not swept even monthly. When it is raining grates are backed up with water just outside the elevator area. What is GA prepared to do in terms of upkeep if there was to be an increase? I would like to see a sheet posted and signed each time the elevators are cleaned. Notices should be posted asking users of the garage to put their garbage in the receptacles provided. Those tires last year were left for months. If the increase could be based on salary maybe I could agree particularly if there was a commitment to keep the garage cleaner. I may be able to make the second meeting but in case I don't please accept these comments.	EH, BUS, LEA, DIR, DIS2,	See para 3a, b & c above.
Fleischer, Lindsey; DFW	I noticed that most of the money is needed for the east plaza repairs. What exactly are the repairs? Can you please send me a copy of the budget breakdown for the project and the anticipated completion date? Thank you.	FIN	See para 3d above.
Flynn, Todd; GA	I'm disappointed that my employer would propose an increase in my parking fees, at the same time the cost of medical coverage is increasing and my salary has been stagnate for several years.	EH	See para 3a above.
Frodsham, Larry; DOL	I attended one of your "town meetings" last year and still have three questions regarding the increase in parking charges.1. Why is there not an across the board increase for ALL GA parking spaces? 6600-4250=2350 spaces which will be exempt from the increase.2. Are the parking rates increasing for Legislative parking, or are those the exempt spaces? 3. What does this mean? "If approved, the new rate would be effective beginning July 1, 2004. Future rates increases may be considered after this time period." Is another rate increase going to be proposed on July 2, 2004?	EH, Other	See para 3a above. Legislative members and their staff will pay increased rates in accordance with the fee schedule if this rule change proposal is adopted. The spaces not affected by the rate increase are visitor metered spaces (@ 700 spaces at \$.50/hr) and spaces reserved for agency and vendor use (@ 800 spaces at \$30 per month). Other spaces are 15 and 30 minute load/unload stalls, service stalls, loading dock stalls, motorcycle stalls, and a small number of short term visitor spaces.

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Frodsham, Larry; DOL, Public Hearing Comment (3- 31-04)	Mr. Larry Frodsham, Department of Licensing, said he was against the parking increase due to the inappropriate timing. He said he rode the bus for many years, but now has to drive and pay for parking. He has not had a salary increase for some time and with all the other increases he is experiencing a decrease in salary. Are people in puzzle palace (legislature) going to pay increased parking rates and will it be proportionate to their salary increase? He asked where the 1,400 exempt parking stalls are located. He recommended a salary survey to determine how much someone is earning in comparison to what they are being charged for parking. He said he worked at a civilian company that paid \$185.00 a month for him to park in downtown Seattle. He doesn't expect anyone to cover his expenses, but doesn't expect the rates to be raised either.	EH, Other	No increase is proposed in this rule change for visitor metered and agency stalls as GA determined that current rates represented an appropriate charge relative to the increased rate proposed for zoned and leased parkers. GA expects that future rate increases will be necessary in order to bring revenues into line with the full costs of delivering parking services (see paragraph 3.d. above). GA is sensitive to the impact that this has on parkers and is taking phased, measured approach in this fee increase proposal. We are trying to avoid a steep rate increase. However, our forward looking budget models indicate that future rate increases will be needed.
Fyfe, Kathi; GA	If you are still taking suggestions, I would like to make one: I propose to have parking paid by General Administration as part of the lease agreement. I understand that several other agencies provide this to their employees. I realize that this would raise each division's overhead expenses, but I don't think it would be a drastic cost increase. This would be a way to give a ltittle bit of money back to the employee to replace the cost of living raises that used to offset the incrasing medical expenses.	OFF	See para 3b above.
Gallagher, Patrick; DOT	Admittedly, I'm a bit of an onside on this issue. But someone emailed me and wanted my thoughts. So here they are. I would never support raising parking fees let alone have parking fees. As a guest at a store, I'd never shop there if they charged for parking. I'd have to really think through paying for parking to an employer. What an insult it would be to me if someone I had to do business with or someone I worked for charged me to park. If you HAVE to charge to park, make it cheap, keep regulations and enforcement down, and keep employees and visitors smiling. Parking on the streets are fairly safe. I don't know how your group gets their money. But penalizing people who have to park their cars seems somewhat like a hostage situation to me.	BUS	See para 3b above.
Gallinger, Gerald L.; DOT	I believe consideration should be given to charging for parking at ALL state facilities rather than increasing the parking fee at one. What investigation has been done in that area?	OFF	See para 3b above.

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Gallinger, Gerry; DOT	RCW 46.08.172 provides in part "The director of the department of general administration shall establish equitable and consistent parking rental fees for the capitol campus and may, if requested by agencies, establish equitable and consistent parking rental fees for agencies off the capitol campus, to be charged to employees, visitors, clients, service providers, and others, that reflect the legislature's intent to reduce state subsidization of parking or to meet the commute trip reduction goals established in RCW 70.94.527." If part of the goal is to promote commute trip reduction it makes sense to do that for ALL state facilities not just the capital campus. How do you justify charging for parking on the campus and not at other facilities?	OFF, Other	See para 3.b. above. Reserved employee spaces, other than for disability and car/vanpool, are available only on the West Campus. The spaces there are reserved because they are either street parking or are in small lots. Neither street parking nor small lots are zoned because they cannot accommodate more than a few additional parkers and are very difficult to enforce. Prior to 1992, almost all spaces on the Capitol Campus were reserved and there were waiting lists for every garage and lot.
Gallinger, Gerry; DOT	How does one qualify for an assigned parking space? I would gladly pay more to be certain my space is available when I return to the office during the day. I see in the list of Parking Fees that "Leased/reserved areas and/or stalls" may be available. I participate in a two person carpool so I do not qualify for the carpool parking area, but I would very much be interested in a reserved spot. I look forward to your response. Thanks.	OFF, Other	By zoning the lots, we were able to accommodate literally hundreds of additional employees and eliminate waiting lists for the Plaza Garage completely. Waiting times were reduced by years for some other lots.
Galloway, Marilee; DOL	No Raises for employees, Raises for Parking - This is not RIGHT	EH	See para 3a above.
Geissinger, Robert S.	I agree with the many concerns expressed about the raise in parking rates on the Capitol Campus. I have seen my take-home pay continually decrease over the last fe years (\$18 in my last paycheck alone), and to add another increase for parking comes as just another blow. While I have not had to park on campus for may yars, I am still disheartended by this proposed ibncrease for my fellow workers and view it as just another insensitive gesture on the park of state government. Please reconsider this increase and do not add to the apparent whittleing of take-home pay for state workers.	EH	See para 3a above.
Gerecht, John; DOL	While I understand the need to raise parking fees, I am also a state employee who has not seen a raise in three (3) years and don't have any idea when our wages may be raised in the future. In reality, our take home pay has been consistently and constantly reduced by increased costs of working for the state. Our medical costs have increased and other costs have actually meant that we earn less each month. For years we've been asked to do more with less and get paid less. It now appears that many of us may not have to pay the extra fees for long, since contracting out will send many of our jobs somewhere else (state prisons and overseas are possibilities). And I'm sure that there will be no pay increases under the new contract if the Governor has his way. While the \$5 is affordable and most employees can afford it, the issue is fairness. The Governor found the money to increase his staff salaries up to 15%. There was plenty of money to help fund the Mariners and Seahawks. And the \$3 billion to keep 1200 Boeing jobs was there. But there isn't enough to give state employees a raise.	EH, SEC	See para 3a & c above.

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Gerecht, John; DOL (continued from above)	And, in fact, there's now so little money that our wages have to be cut to fund the repairs and other construction projects. Another issue is employee safety in the parking lot. We get messages to be careful when walking in the poorly lit parking lot and also to be sure to secure our vehicles, since there are frequent instances of vandalism. Please rethink this issue. State employees backs are seriously bent from carrying so much extra weight. I wish I could say, "Thank for your consideration," but I'm sure the decision has been made and employee feelings, fears, and paychecks will not be taken into account.	EH, SEC	See para 3a & c above.
Gerstel, Wendy; DNR	Just a hello, since I saw your name at the bottom of the parking fee increase notice. Lucky you! Glad I don't drive to work. So how ya doin?! Geology business is still good, although too much stinkin' politics in the way of an otherwise way cool science. Hope you get out some these days in your nice park down there by the lake. Cheers	Other	No position or issue stated.
Gigstead, Dale; DOL	I wouldn't oppose a fee increase IF we were ever going to get a pay increase. How can it be OK to increase the costs of state employees at the same time as no increases for three years (don't forget the health care cost increases). Plus, could they have used the money to "upgrade" the lawn above the Plaza parking to offset, or delay the increase? Look's like priorities do not coincide with mine.	EH	See para 3a above.
Gilbert, Ryan; dshs	Proposed rate increase is fine as long as GA pays for stalls equal to DIS, DSHS, DNR, DOT, etc	OFF	See para 3b above.
Glasgow, Ursula; DOL	This is Wrong!!! NO Raise in over 5 yrs. Cost of Living goes up. Yeah Right Where's the logic in Raising Parking where's the money going for our Raises, I don't think SO.	EH	See para 3a above.
Gomez, David; GA	Monthly private sector parking rates for comparable downtown covered parking are significantly higher than the \$20 proposed monthly rate. State employees are getting a great deal regardless. In Minneapolis, MN for instance the monthly rate varied from \$110 to \$250 per month for covered parking. Perhaps the state should consider selling or franchising these garages to a private firm and get out of the inherently non-governmental function of managing parking garages. Consider the revenue that can be generated from the sale or franchise rights for use in the capitol campus' renovation. A competitive private sector solution is what is needed to efficiently allocate parking space. An added benefit of a higher non-subsidized cost is to create an incentive for state employees to use more public transportation.	SUP	See para 3f above.

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Gordon, Dave; DNR	Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the proposed parking rate increase. I'm opposed. The entire concept of public employees paying to park at work is absurd. Sure it's only a \$5/month or \$60/year increase, but the total cost to park my car at work will go up from \$180/year to \$240/year. That's a 30% increase! Without a corresponding pay increase this is nothing more than a forced penalty or fine for coming to work. Yet another example of how to screw the little guy. Staff with lower paying jobs pay a higher percentage of their paycheck for the exact same privilege as the higher paid managers who came up with this scheme. Where is the logic behind this blood letting? I suggest a refund policy for days when people don't drive their cars to work. Where is the incentive to find other means of transportation? The more days you find other transportation, the more you actually pay per day for parking. I sincerely hope this proposal is rejected. Thanks	EH, BUS	See para 3a, b & g above. There are options for parkers to reduce their parking cost by participating in carpools, a ride share, or by purchasing daily passes to park in GA facilities. Daily passes are available for \$1.00 per day and may be purchased at the parking office for up to eight days per month. This may be a good option for you if you are using the parking facility two days per week or less. Please visit the parking web site or call the Parking Office directly for more information.
Greef, Fred; DNR	All state employees in Olympia must share the burden of any pay increase, not just those on capitol campus. This is a pay cut and should not discriminate against any class of employees. Lock's pay raise for his own communications staff should be rescinded to help pay this pay cut the rest of us must bear.	OFF	See para 3b above.
Grewell, Kristin; DFW	I am a $\frac{1}{2}$ time employee and therefore, only take up a parking space $\frac{1}{2}$ the time and still have to pay the same rate as a full time employee. We are basically being charged \$1.00 per day to travel around the garage to find a space. Are we getting more security for the price? The whole card key thing at the NRB is a joke! Why do we have a card key when you can access just about anywhere at anytime?	PRT, SEC	See para 3b & c above.
Grimm, Jeff; DFW	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. In the past, I was a "paid parker" at the NRB. I am currently a registered off-shift parker at the NRB and rideshare 1-4 days/week so, at this time, parking fees don't impact me directly. However, I am opposed to the rate increase for the following reasons. 1. The timing is horrible. Classified state employees have not received a COLA in almost three years and I'm not aware of any in the near future. During that time our paychecks have annually shrunk due to increasing health care costs. We cannot afford another "pay cut", regardless of the amount.	EH, LEA	See para 3a & c above.
Grimm, Jeff; DFW (continued from above)	2. Several years ago I was part of the class action tort against the NRB building contractor to recover damages to privately owned vehicles that were stained by leaching processes in the underground parking areas. I spent part of yesterday trying to remove another lime stain from my vehicle, the stain appeared during last week's wet weather. While the NRB stalactites and stalagmites are impressive and provide insight and perspective to the formation of geologically significant limestone caverns such as New Mexico's Carlsbad Caverns and Kentucky's Mammoth Cave, it is an outrage to charge state employees to park in facilities (I understand the Plaza has a similar problem) that continue to cause damage to personal property. It is also an outrage that state vehicles purchased with public funds are charged a parking fee while they are also being damaged by leaching in the parking structures.	EH, LEA	See para 3a & c above.

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Grimm, Jeff; DFW (continued from above)	In conclusion, until state employees receive an adequate COLA and General Administration decides to use the parking fees to correct the leaching problem in their parking structures or provide a funding source to remedy the continuing damage to privately owned and state owned vehicles, I cannot support any parking fees or increases.	EH, LEA	See para 3a & c above.
Groves, Dave; DOL	If GA needs more funds, perhaps they should ask the public for more maintenance funds instead of charging employees who haven't received raises for who knows how long. The citizens of Whashington should want good working conditions for their servants. Perhaps there can be more shuttles from the parking garages to the malls or downtown for Olympia/Thurston County citizens and they would be able to park and use them also.	EH	See para 3a above.
Gwinn, Patti; DOL	If there was a vote, you can be sure that parking fees would remain status quo. The state employees, should not be constantly expected to do more with less. Our pay doesn't go up yet all our expenses health, postage on and on and on do. It must stop somewhere!	EH	See para 3a above.
Hamaker, Kenneth; DOL	I am against any increase to the State Parking. I accepted the fee to park at the Campus when I transferred from Lacey but continually pull into work in the morning and lunch unable to find a parking spot or having to park where it takes 10 minutes to get to my building. Now I find you want to increase parking for spots that you can't guarantee, not give me the mandated pay increase that I have not received in the past two years and will not get again this year. My pay has been decreased through increased medical costs, prescription cost, cost of living increases. Why not decrease parking to reflect the same. Your plan is to bring parking revenues closer to General Administration's actual cost of providing and maintaining parking areas however I have not seen a plan to raise my pay for maintaining my livelihood for future costs of living.	EH, LEA	See para 3a & c above.
Hamaker, Kenneth; DOL	Another problem I have with paying higher parking fees is that within the DOT parking garage, there is a problem with the overhead pipes, ceiling or whatever that leaks a very disgusting substance onto vehicles and is difficult to remove if not found in a timely manner.	EH, LEA	See para 3a & c above.
Hamilton, Renae; DNR	This rate increase comes at a very bad time for many of us. As a state employee, we have not had a cost of living increase for at least 3 years, while costs for everything else have continued to increase. Utilities, rent, taxes, insurance and the cost of health care have increased extremely over the last few years. Our health care insurance has gone from zero paid by the employee to an average of over \$80 a month. And though \$5 extra isn't a large amount, we feel like why do the classified state employees have to have the budgets balanced on our backs. We don't get raises because the state can't afford it, even though it's been in the budget, only to be taken away quite often. We get the budget balanced on our backs. The state can't afford the full amount of medical insurance, balance the budget on the state employees' backs. GA needs more money to manage its costs - take it from the state employees and balance the budget on their backs again.	EH	See para 3a above.

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Hamilton, Renae; DNR	I hope that you are reading the comments on your feedback form and passing them on. Many of us are very upset by yet another increase from our employer - the state	EH	See para 3a above.
Hamilton, Renae; DNR (continued from above)	I wouldn't mind this increase if we were getting treated fairly to begin with. Private industry does get cost of living increase on a regular basis - we do not. One final thought - how many gallons of milk are you taking away from dependents of state employees by this increase - about 24 gallons a year. How would your family feel?	EH	See para 3a above.
Hanson, Tom; DOT	Andy - you lucky devil - got out of working with Hooper and ended up with parking issues - don't worry I won't show up at the hearings to protest this outrageous increase.	OPP	No issue stated.
Hargreaves, Bob; ATG	Ditto - especially 1), 2), 5) & 6), and the proposal at the end (referring to Lynna Hickerson's comment above).	EH, OFF, NUM, LEA, DIR	See para 3a, & c above.
Harkness, Dwayne E.; GA	Most state employees whom I know are dedicated to providing the most effective public service attainable, and in fact, put far more time, effort and value into their jobs than their job descriptions would require. State employee compensation for jobs requiring professional credentials continues to lag far behind that for comparable private sector jobs. Our elected decision-makers continue to dismiss the value those committed employees by not only failing to approve even basic cost-of-living adjustments, but forcing state employees even further behind by eroding their salaries with more and more of the cost burden of what were once known as "benefits". There is no apparent effective advocacy by agency leaders on behalf of the value of the work of state employees, and the need for fair compensation to recognize that value.	EH	See para 3a above.
Harris, Cindy; LEG	I would have to say I am opposed to a rate increase for parking. What extra services will you be providing for this increase, and how much will it go up again next year – and the year after that?!? Where does the money go now? Certainly not for any kind of security or an overabundance of lighting. Perhaps, if we worked in downtown Seattle, or some such place, it might be merited, but I don't see any good reason for this (yet another) increase here in Olympia. For what it's worth, my vote is no.	LIT, SEC, FIN	See para 3c & d above.
Harrison, Linda; ATG	I am an intermittent employee working in the Educ Division but for MANY years I worked in the Old Capitol Bldg. downtown. Anyone who has worked downtown will tell you that if you want tough parking—work down there. Either you pay meters all day long (\$2.50/day) or you rent a parking spot from a local lot owner to the tune of \$35 - \$50/month. There is no subsidy and no break because you're a state worker. And the lot owners can raise the price at whim!!! I am VERY HAPPY to pay \$15, \$20, or even \$25/month for parking. I don't have to carry an umbrella because I'm under cover walking to and from my car, and it doesn't get piled up with snow in the winter. As an alternative, folks can always ride the bus. I did that, too, when I first started working here and it drops you off right on Capital Way, ½ block from the building. If all else fails, I guess folks can give up a latte once a month	SUP	See para 3f above.

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Heap, Lysle; DOT	I would appreciate getting from you a breakdown of what it costs GA per month for providing and maintaining parking areas. I would like to get it prior to the public hearings that are being held, of which I plan to attend.	FIN	See para 3d above.
Heap, Lysle; DOT	Anything on this yet? I would appreciate getting from you a breakdown of what it costs GA > per month for providing and maintaining parking areas. I would like > to get it prior to the public hearings that are being held, of which I > plan to attend.> Thanks,	FIN	See para 3d above.
Heilema, Tara; ESD	Good Morning Sarah, Could you please explain why, on General Administration's website, two different proposed rates are presented for motorcyclists and disabled employees? One internet page (http://www.ga.wa.gov/Park/Proposal.htm) indicates that under the proposal for a general rate increase, individuals who register motorcycles and/or vehicles for disabled employees will not be subject to a rate increase. The second internet page (http://www.ga.wa.gov/Park/ParkingWAC.doc) has contradictory information; this page indicates that said drivers will be subject to the increase. Can you please explain which is correct, and why the contradictory information? Of course, I may be misreading this so if that is the case, I apologize in advance. However, if it is that motorcyclists and disabled employees are not subject to the proposed rate increases, I would like a thorough explanation of that, as well. Please contact me should you have any questions.	Other	Text of email from Mr. Stepelton to Ms. Hielema on April 21, 2004. Good morning: The first internet page cited in you question reflects the Amendatory Language submitted with the rate increases proposed under the CR102. A copy of the actual Amendatory document can be found at www.ga.wa.gov/Park/Amendatory.pdfAll current and applicable information concerning the rate change is contained within the web site that we have advertised as part of the rules change communications at www.ga.wa.gov/Park/Rate-Change.htm. The other web site that you cite is found under the parking office web site and represents an earlier version of proposed rules changes that did not carry forward into the actual proposal. That web page was, unfortunately, not removed from the Parking web site. Thank you for bringing this error to our attention and I apologize for any confusion.
Heilema, Tara; ESD	Good Morning Sarah, Have you had an opportunity to review this issue? Thank you, Good Morning Sarah, Could you please explain why, on General Administration's website, two different proposed rates are presented for motorcyclists and disabled employees? One internet page (http://www.ga.wa.gov/Park/Proposal.htm) indicates that under the proposal for a general rate increase, individuals who register motorcycles and/or vehicles for disabled employees will not be subject to a rate increase. The second internet page (http://www.ga.wa.gov/Park/ParkingWAC.doc) has contradictory information; this page indicates that said drivers will be subject to the increase. Can you please explain which is correct, and why the contradictory information? Of course, I may be misreading this so if that is the case, I apologize in advance. However, if it is that motorcyclists and disabled employees are not subject to the proposed rate increases, I would like a thorough explanation of that, as well. Please contact me should you have any questions.	DIS2	See para 3b above.

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Hickerson, Lynna; ATG	1) the increase would amount to a \$5 cut in pay for state employees on a "fixed" income resulting from no pay raises2) the increase/cut would be on top of the recent "cut" resulting from increased health insurance premiums 3) morale has already suffered and staff have gone to other agencies or left the office 4) staff working at other locations have no parking fee 5) the parking environment is very unpleasant (dirt, noise, cigarette smoke, car exhaust, running water on the walls, dampness)6) parking spaces appear to have decreased in the last year, requiring more time to locate a space and longer hikes through the unpleasant environment How many comparable parking garages are available to the general public in the Olympia area that would generate the average market rates quoted and require a statutory increase? I propose GA hold its costs at least until a state-employee pay raise that more than offsets the parking fee increase, so there is a net gain for staff, and also until the parking environment is significantly improved.	EH, OFF, NUM, LEA, DIR	See para 3a, b & c above.
Hiller, Don; DNR	How do you calculate "Average Market Rates" for parking (in "Parking Cost Charts" on Rate proposal web page)? Is this an expression of average parking rates in Olympia or is it over a larger area? Does this include all types of parking facilities? In other words, how did you come up with this figure. Thanks.	FIN	See para 3.d. above. GA gathered data from private commercial parking facilities in Olympia in August 2003 and again in August 2004. We have benchmarked our rates against the rates for nearby commercial parking facilities. Our goal is to maintain rates at or below 85 percent of our benchmarks.
Hoffman, Joe; AGR	In resoponse to the rash of vehicle break-ins at the NRB parking lot, I would like to suggest at least one possible imporovement that is VERY EASY TO IMPLEMENT. The lighting at night and weekends is STILL VERY DIM in the parking areas that have been hit, especially in the P2 zone where agency vehicles are parked and where after-hours and weekend employees usually park (the ride share zone). I thought that due to the security issues that have arisen, the lighting would have been returned to normal by now. As you are aware, I am a big fan of the state saving money by turning out lights where they are not needed. Especially in office areas that are usually vacant during nights and weekends. The measures implemented in the NRB over the last few years have saved a tremendous amount of electricity and money. However, as a result of the security problems we are having, I would STRONGLY SUGGEST that the lights in the paking garage be turned back on fully (at least) in areas where vehicles typically park on evenings and weekends.	SEC	See para 3c above.

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Hoffman, Joe; AGR	We are no longer saving money in these areas due to the vehicle repair bills adn PERSONAL SECURITY IS GREATLY REDUCED when waking in these poorly lit (nearly dark) areas in the evenings, early mornings and weekends. As a person who traves extensively on state business, I am no longer comfortable leaving my personal vehicle in the NRB or Plaza garages at night while I am out of town. This, of course, also is a hassle as I have to make arrangements with friends to help me shuttle my personal vehicle back and forth from home and the NRB everytime I travel overnight on state business. PLEASE CONSIDER TURNING THE LIGHTS BACK ON IN THE NRB PARKING LOT. It will certainly make employees feel safer while walking alone in the parking areas before and after returning fromt he road and may help redue the vehicle prowl problem we are currently experiencing. On a side note: I would be stronlgy opposed to the proposed 33 percent increase in parking fees without turning the security lighting back on in ALL areas in which the fees are increased.	SEC	See para 3c above.
Holden, Judy; GA	I am of course not happy with the rate increase, but I do not see any reason that disabled employee parking should not be raised as well. They get the best parking spaces already, so why shouldn't they share the increase too? I know that the increases are long over due, but it is still hard to accept.	DIS2	See para 3b above.
Hooper, Dee; LEG	It seems to me if you are going to consider the local market then the rates would be even higher. Just an observation.	FIN	See para 3d above. GA's objective is to reduce the subsidization of the actual cost of parking operations in accordance with RCW 46.08.172. If we can do that for a price that is well below market rates then we are happy to do so for our customers.
Hopman, Irenne; DSHS	All things being equal, the proposed parking increases sound reasonable. The problem is, not all things are equal. State employees have not had a cost-of-living increase in over three years. During that time, they have also had continuous increases in their share of the cost of state employee health care benefits, and many heath benefit services have been cut. In addition, this penalizes employees who work in certain buildings, such as the Capitol Campus and East Capitol Campus while employees who work in Lacey and Tumwater pay no parking fees. Mark me down as a resounding "No" on your proposal. But, somehow, in these times, I have a strong feeling that this is a train that is moving anyway.	EH, OFF	See para 3a & b above.

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Houskeeper, Laval; DOL	I am opposed to any increase to the State Parking until the Legislature give the mandated increases of past years and future cost of living increases. My pay has been decreased through increased: medical costs, prescription cost, cost living increases, Legislature's pay raises. All of which are decreases in my pay that the State has pushed on me. When I was hired, I was told my benefits or part of my pay. However, in the last few years those benefits were decrease at a cost of about 4,000 to 6,000 and the State then says "they are not part of your pay". Why, in these hard times for Public Employees, does the State find it necessary to charge even more? Let us pay the increase through charges to the whole state in the form of tax increases. Not pay more now and pay more later in taxes which we will pay. Give us a break, we get paid too little and pay too much.	EH, DIS1	See para 3a & e above.
Houskeeper, Laval; DOL	I have three issues with increasing the parking on Capitol Campus:	EH, DIS1	See para 3a & e above.
Houskeeper, Laval; DOL (continued from above)	1.) The State Law allows a Disabled person to park free. I know that GA has stated in their WAC's and even RCW's that they charge for parking of the disabled. It is unfair that AG can discriminate when the State doesn't allow cities and counties. I don't think that allowing the disabled to park free as they do everywhere else (except private business), will hurt the state. RCW 46.61.582 Free parking by disabled persons. Any person who meets the criteria for special parking privileges under RCW 46.16.381 shall be allowed free of charge to park a vehicle being used to transport that person for unlimited periods of time in parking zones or areas including zones or areas with parking meters which are otherwise restricted as to the length of time parking is permitted. This section does not apply to those zones or areas in which the stopping, parking, or standing of all vehicles is prohibited or which are reserved for special types of vehicles. The person shall obtain and display a special placard or license plate under RCW 46.16.381to be eligible for the privileges under this section.	EH, DIS1	See para 3a & e above.
Houskeeper, Laval; DOL (continued from above)	2.) I did park free for awhile because I had a car pool with 3 persons and that was the rule. Than one more out to the Black Lake Facility and I had only two in the car pool and I started paying. I have remained until this day a two riding car pool and have park in the same space for years. This was allowed became I became disabled and stayed in the same spot. I complained many times because people would park in my space if I left for lunch or training in the field. I would call the parking office and they would ask the people to move. Most often that would be a long time, sometime they could not tell the people as they did not know who they were or where to find them. I asked for a disabled sign to be posted and it was for a short time. Then it was taken down and the problems started all over again. It does not currently have one and has not for sometime.	EH, DIS1	See para 3a & e above.

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Houskeeper, Laval; DOL (continued from above)	Last year when I was on home assignment for 5 month my wife was told she could not park there. So she parked on the street in metered parking and paid the meter two to three time a day at a dollar in the morning and a dollar in the afternoon. Two dollars a day, and I still had to pass the \$15 every month. So it cost us \$295 for the period of time I was assigned at home, and the AG Parking Office had no sympathy. They just said it is a disabled parking spot and she isn't disabled. Even though I tried to explain that it was issued as a car pool and didn't have the disabled signs, it didn't matter. It does not, nor has it for many years complied with the following RCW. We should never have had to pay but we should have been credited for the fees while the would not let my car pool park there. RCW 46.61.581	EH, DIS1	See para 3a & e above.
Houskeeper, Laval; DOL (continued from above)	3.) Due to the State not giving us a cost of living increase, why should we be charge a cost of living increase for any reason. We have already been stung many time over by; higher medical insurance premiums, removal of doubled coverage, all of the tax increases. Take, take but give nothing. Even the legislature got pay increases, way over any cost of living. That is real bad when the State (Employer) cuts pay and charges more. This is not to the public it is only to state employees. Not right	EH, DIS1	See para 3a & e above.
Hovde,Richard; DOT	Here are my comments on parking. 1. Health care and everything is going up, everything but my paycheck. 2. I can always park on the already crowded streets and save myself \$20/month. 3. There are many other state offices that have free parking, why don't you get them to kick in.	EH, OFF	See para 3a & b above.
Huff, Dixie; LEG	It would be nice if since state employees have not received a cost of living; their insurance costs are going up; retirement contributions are going upcould the parking just remain cost neutral?	EH	See para 3a above.
Jarrett, Cheri; DNR	To be fair and equitable AND bring in more revenue, begin charging parking fees to other state agencies that are not charging. Charge them the same amount for general parking that we are paying - \$15 per month.	OFF	See para 3b above.
Jenks, Steve; DFW	Consider the surrounding market? What do Boeing and Microsoft charge their employees for parking? How the hell can you justify a 25% increase? Maybe what we really need is a state employee boycott of GA parking facilities. Wouldn't that be something. Quick, do the math how much is 25% of nothing? Think it couldn't happen? I wouldn't bet on it!	EH, BUS, FIN	See para 3. a, b & d above.

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Johansen, Erik W.; AGR	I work for the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) in the Natural Resources Building (NRB) in Olympia, and I park in the NRB several days per week. I have two questions regarding the proposed parking fee increase for parking spaces managed by GA: Will the problems with theft of items from parked vehicles and vandalism of parked vehicles be addressed by increasing the parking fee paid by state employees? Will the problems with paint damage from parking in the NRB be addressed by increasing the parking fee paid by state employees? Right now, I am paying \$15 per month to park in a facility that does not provide adequate security and can even cause damage to my cars paint job. I see absolutely no reason that GA should raise fees paid by state employees to park in the NRB. As far as I am concerned, parking in the NRB is substandard and the parking fee should be reduced until these problems are adequately addressed by GA.	LEA, SEC	See para 3c above.
Johnson, Chuck; DFW	I currently park at the Natural Resource Bldg. I have not had an increase in my pay for 5yrs. I do not support any increase in my parking fees at this time. I suggest your agency review the option of re-prioritizing your current funds for any parking lot maintenance. This is exactly what the legislature has been telling the Dept of Fish & Wildlife for several bienniums. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.	EH	See para 3a above.
Johnson, John; DOT	Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I understand the need for cost of living increases but would as that it be phased in using a formula such as \$2.50 this year and \$2.50 next year. Following that the increase could be tied to the regular legislative sessions. I would also hope that with the increase there be an increase in cleaning and painting the stop sign lines. Safety can be increased for all.	DIR	See para 3.a & c above. GA has made every attempt to avoid unnecessarily steep rate increases. Unfortunately, more rate increases will be necessary in the near future to meet the revenue requirements of the parking service business line.
Johnson, Tanya; DOT	I truly understand that the cost of living is increasing, but I don't feel as a state employee without a wage increase in several years, that I should pay an increase on services for state employees. Also, I have worked for DOT for the past 11 years and I still do not have parking in the Transportation garage, I DO NOT WANT TO PAY MORE FOR A SERVICE THAT WILL NOT/CAN NOT accommodate its customers. There are always open parking in the Transportation garage, but not in the Plaza garage but I cannot park in transportation because parking staff would not admit they had my records incorrect. I DON'T THINK THERE SHOULD BE AN INCREASE until things improve. Why aren't all state employees required to pay a smaller percentage for parking instead of just the ones that work on the campus and have little choice to pay or don't park?	OFF	See para 3b above. Waiting lists on the Capitol Campus are often many years long. Early this year, with the help of a temporary intern position, the Parking Office re-registered the DOT Garage, issued new permits, and converted the two zones into one zone. The process allowed us to eliminate many parkers who had left without canceling. Combining the two zones also increased our flexibility in making assignments. The waiting list was reduced from fourteen years to six years. During this time, many parkers who did not belong in the garage, but somehow had the old permits, were forced to leave. Yes, we have had some high vacancy rates, but we are continuing to back-fill the garage from the waiting list. During the late spring and summer months, there will also be more vacancies as parkers take vacation time.

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Jones, Anthony; GA	The proposed increase in parking rates amounts to a cut in pay for state workers. State workers have not seen an increase in pay for several years. Though we have been subjected to a decrease in pay through increases in the amount of money that we have to pay for medical insurance. Five dollars a month may not amount to much in and of itself, but when combined with the other issues impacted state workers pay, I think that it is too much.	EH	See para 3a above.
Jones, James; DOL	I just wanted to say this looks like another hit to capitol campus workers pocket book. Also do all state workers half to pay for parking or just capitol campus workers. AT 240.00 DOLLARS A YEAR FOR PARKING IN A GARAGE THAT HAS BEEN PAID FOR HUNDREDS OF TIMES OVER THE YEARS MAYBE THE GOVERNOR SHOULD TAKE BACK THOSE RAISES HE GAVE OUT AND USE THAT TO PAY THE INCREASE SINCE THE PEONS I GET A RAISE INSTEAD NOW MOST MAKE LESS THAN THEY DID TWO YEARS AGO.	EH, OFF	See para 3a & b above.
Judi, DOL	Ihave been listening and gathering facts and I feel this proposal for increase is Ludacrous! How can you justify raising our parking costs when the quality of our facility is in dire need of repair, daily maintinance and Security. I don't believe the current pricing is fair. ALL State Agency employees should be paying for parking not just a select few. Also my family exists on my income alone and with all our other costs going up - medical, living expenses you name it without receiving a cost of living pay raise I feel that this request you are proposing should be considered at a later date Like when we are allotted a pay increase by legislature.	OFF, DIR, SEC	See para 3b & c above.
Kangiser, Joel; AGR	Please reconsider your proposal to increase parking fees at the NRB. As I'm sure you are aware there is a high risk that your car will be vandalized when you park here. It is not appropriate to increase fees by 33% in light of this increasing risk. I also suggest that if you want to compare the NRB parking with publicly available parking you should take into consideration the substandard size parking spaces in the NRB. It is virtually impossible to park in a "compact" space and get in and out of your car without bumping the car beside you. Also, please show me a public parking lot that is as convoluted as the NRB parking scheme. Thank you for your consideration.	SIZ, SEC	See para 3c above.
Keith, Jaymee; DOT	I will not be able to attend either hearing, but did want to offer some thoughts concerning the proposed increase. State employees have watched the purchasing power of their wages erode over the years. We have received no Cost-of-Living adjustments from the Legislature, and this proposed increase would result in an actual decrease in our take home wages, essentially a cut in pay. I think the proposed increase is inequitable and very poorly timed.	EH	See para 3a above.

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Keller, Barbara; LEG	I firmly believe that automobiles should at least pay their own way. There is no reason for the general tax payer to pay for any part of the cost for me or my fellow workers parking our cars on campus. Any taxpayer subsidy should only go for purposes that benefit the public welfare. If the cost increase does not cover all capital, maintenance, and operations costs and auxiliary costs for cleaning the environment impacted by my parking, the fees should be further increased to reflect all the costs. Remember, that a benefit of working here is that a) we can get a bus pass and b) Olympia is a small town – we can walk, ride a bike, or row our boat to work.	SUP	See para 3f above.
Kellogg, Jennifer; DSHS	I will be unable to attend the public hearing scheduled for March 31, 2004 on the proposed parking rate changes. Therefore, I am sending my comment. I have gone to the General Administration website and looked at the proposal for parking rate increases and the GA's supporting documentation. I am against the increase. Your justification appears weak in my opinion. There may be justifications presented at the public hearing that would make more sense to me.	EH, BUS, FIN	See para 3a, b & d above.
Kellogg, Jennifer; DSHS (comment from above)	1) Your justification that GA currently has lower than average parking rates does not make sense. In the Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater area, most places have free parking. Very few pay lots exist in Thurston County. There are a few in the downtown Olympia area that are private, and some City of Olympia meters. But if you average in all of the free parking available, the average market rate cannot possibly be \$38.00 a month. I'd like to see GA's research on how they came up with that \$38.00 statistic.	EH, BUS, FIN	See para 3a, b & d above.
Kellogg, Jennifer; DSHS (comment from above)	2) Costs exceed income generated by parking fees. This fact may be true. However, in looking at your charts, I could not understand what several of the costs were for, or how all of the costs were related to parking fees. It appears that parking fees going to items other than maintaining parking facilities, which is an unjustifiable cost. If these increase or excess costs are not being directed to maintaining parking facilities, GA should not be allowed to use these costs to justify a rate increase.	EH, BUS, FIN	See para 3a, b & d above.
Kellogg, Jennifer; DSHS (comment from above)	3) And last, but not least, as a Washington State Employee, working in service to the public, still paying plenty of taxes, and working for lower wages than the private industry pays, I believe it's just not right to charge said state employees to park in the first place. Granted, I could chose a job elsewhere, but I really enjoy the work I provide our state's citizens. However, to countinue to gouge the very people that serve the state is just plain wrong. Find the money for parking onsidered elsewhere. It's too late to propose a legislative budget change this year, but think about it for next year's session. And don't raise the rates.	EH, BUS, FIN	See para 3a, b & d above.
Kelly, Amy; DOL	No Parking rate increase! Without our COLA's and medical rates going up we are running out of money. It may not seem like a large increase, but annually it all adds up. It's not like you need the extra income from us to pay for all to the repairs - I think the money budgeted for that is part of the reason for no COLA. So we end up double-paying? I don't agree with that	EH	See para 3a above.
Kennedy, Rainey; DOL	1) Does this include Black Lake #1 ? 2) Why are you raising it? Are you paying more for the bldg's? 3) Are disabled included?	DIS2, FIN, Other	See para 3b & d above. Lake #1 would not be affected by this rule change.

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Kiehn-Sanford, Marziah; Leg	Thanks for the response, Andy. It's been quite some time since my name and Tom's were used in the same sentence, especially if it was relating to agreement on a subject! Is GA preparing any type of document relating to statewide policy implications on parking? I was told by another staff member that they thought this was the case. If so, I'd be interested in receiving a copy when it's prepared. With the end of the session, we're involved in "mop up", cleaning out our offices and planning some early vacation. Believe it or not, the compressed session takes more energy to endure!	Other	No, GA is not preparing a statewide policy regarding parking. RCW 46.08.172 permits off-campus agencies to establish and collect parking fees at their facilities or they can request GA to do it for them. Several agencies do charge parking fees as on offset to the cost of the building lease or as a component of their commute trip reduction program.
Kiehn-Sanford, Marziah; Leg	>State law requires General Administration to charge for parking on the Capitol Campus. The law also requires the department to consider the local market when setting rates. < Is there anything in statute that prohibits a charge for parking at leased space adjacent to the capitol campus? (For example, the IBM Building and others nearby). For other locations within Thurston County? Do employees at Labor & Industries in Tumwater (and any new buildings to be built at that campus) and at the campus in Lacey which houses the Department of Ecology pay parking fees?	Other	See cell above
Kincy, Shari; AGR	I park in the NRB parking garage and was quite disturbed to hear that parking fees were going to increase. I don't see that as being very fair for the following reasons. There is a gooey substance that drips onto the cars that takes an act of God to get off. We have been told to not leave our cars in the garage overnight because of break-ins and vandalism. When the Legislature is in session they get to park in our spaces for free while we still have to pay for spots that are no longer available. Some state agencies do not ask their employees to pay for parking at all. I understand that it is a privilege to have a nice dry spot to park my car but if state employees are not going to see a cost of living raise for some time and other expenses (fuel) continue to go up, we should not be asked to pay for our parking.	EH, OFF, LEA, SEC	See para 3a, b & c above.
Kishimoto, Lori; DFW	Not sure who I should be addressing this toParking would be a little easier if the State rigs would park where they were supposed to! In the past couple of weeks, I counted *five* big State trucks parked in employee parking on P-2. It's not such a big deal on P-3 (no one wants to park down there anyway), but parking on the P-2 is already pretty frustrating especially since Ag just grabbed four employee spots for their vehicles. I was collecting mileage sheets from our project trucks, and noted that there are currently three trucks in the employee stalls: 13254E, 13253E, 11594E. I know that it can be a problem to find space for the big trucks sometimes (been there!), but these have been there for weeks now.	Other	Agency vehicles are provided for business purposes and may be used multiple times throughout the day. We attempt to site them as conveniently as possible for this purpose. Normally, employees drive their personal vehicles to and from work. As a matter of policy we have given priority to positioning official-use vehicles, disabled parkers, and car/vanpools in readily accessible spaces. Agency vehicles must have a permit to park in zoned areas and will be ticketed if they are found in the zone without one

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Kishimoto, Lori; DFW	Conversely, there are a few private vehicles (I counted three) in designated State spaces. This makes it difficult to park the big trucks. I know this is nit-picking, but with P-2 employee spaces at a premium, *especially* for cars that aren't sardine cansized, I'm getting tired of doing the parking-space tour to find a space *large enough* to park. Yeah, there's P-3, but like I said, P-2 are the premium spots. Perhaps since no one wants to park there, the State passenger vehicles (not trucks) can be deligated to the P-3 level? That would free up parking spaces on P-2 for employees, and then maybe people won't complain so much about paying for parking?	Other	See cell above
Kjolseth, Betty J.; DOL	It does not seem logical or fair to implement a raise in parking fees for state employees unless/until raises in wages are received. Prices continue to rise on everything from groceries to gasoline, as state employees fall further and further behind in cost of living compensation.	EH	See para 3a above.
Klockenteger, Katherine; DOT	During these troubled times and price increases on just about everything, raising the cost of parking is just one more burden to bear during these tough economic times. Besides, don't most large companies provide free parking for their employees? Thanks.	EH	See para 3a above.
Koch, Thomas; DSHS	Hi, My name is Thomas Koch and I am an intern for the CATS team at DSHS, JRA. I only work 15 hours per week while attending SPSCC full time. Is there a student discount rate that may apply to my situation? I would have no objection to raising parking rates if I had a full time position with the state, I could afford it. Being the fact that I am only using parking space a fraction of the time compared to full time employees, there should be some adjustment to the rate for those of us who only use the facility on a part time basis. If there is no discount for students, I recommend it be considered. Every dollar I can save and apply towards my education will eventually pay off for the State of Washington.	PRT	See para 3b above.
Kraege, Don; DFW	I don't agree with the idea of raising monthly parking rates by \$5. I park in the NRB and continually have problems with water leaking from the ceiling and leaving residue on my car's paint. I don't really see what we are getting for our existing \$15, other than occasional sweeping and enforcement. I would vote to leave our rates the same until there is a definite plan to fix existing problems with the NRB garage. Better yet, let's drop the fee altogether and assess the agencies the funds needed to administer the program. Don Kraege Department of Fish and Wildlife	LEA	See para 3c above.
Kreitman, Gayle; GA	I am opposed to the increase. Although I am currently paying for parking, unless I get here by 7:30 there is no parking available. If I have an appointment during the day, I end up spending 30 minutes or so driving around waiting for someone else to leave so that I may again park my car and return to work. Paying an additional \$5 for this is objectionable to me.	NUM	See para 3c above.
Krueger, Ross; DOL	Don't Really mind the \$5.00 increase as long as the money goes for increased garage security and maintainence. I'm luchy to have covered parking as well as having a safe place to park. Would be nice to have everyone who parks there pay a monthly fee to park there. Only fair.	DIR, SEC, SUP	See para 3c & f above.

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LaGasa, Eric; AGR	Having worked for the State Department of Agriculture for 22 years I am not inclined to readily accept an increase in parking penalty for having to work in the NRB. Paying \$180 per year is already too much raising it to \$240 is an additional insult. I live in rural south Thurston county, where there is no bus service, and my work schedule prevents car pooling. I would suggest you take the "proposed" increase in parking (and other pending additional fees or other reductions in state worker pay and benefits) out of the many millions of dollars earned via the insulting and allegedly temporary postponement of our paychecks many years ago. Remember why we get paid on the 10th and 25th? Most veteran state employees do and still feel abused and betrayed by that gross action. I think all state employees are now getting that same abused feeling with the accelerating frequency of health benefit reductions, lack of comparable worth in salaries, and lack of (even cost of living) pay raises.	EH	See para 3a above.
LaGasa, Eric; AGR (continued from above)	Please do not raise the cost of parking at our assigned work stations. While I do appreciate the intended encouragement of alternative transportation, for those of us that must drive to work, parking fees are effectively a salary reduction. Any additional paycheck reduction IS SIGNIFICANT to us - both as money to live on and as an additional slap in the face for working for the state. Please feel free to forward this email message to anyone proposing the increase in parking fees who doesn't remember why we don't get paid the 1st and 15th of the month like the rest of the world STOP abusing state employees by taking state budget shortfalls out of our pockets.	EH	See para 3a above.
Landram, Glenn; OFM	A five dollar increse sounds very reasonable in an effort to encourage car pooling.	SUP	See para 3f above.
Largent, Lisa; DNR, Public Hearing Comment (3- 31-04)	Ms. Lisa Largent said she works at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and parks in the parking garage. She expressed empathy for the situation. She is the Budget Manager for DNR and has an understanding of finances. The rates haven't been raised in 12 years. Why wait so long to raise rates? The timing is bad due to the lack of COLA, an increase in health insurance, and pension rates increasing in July 2005. The \$5 increase in addition to all the other increases is the issue. The quality of parking at the DNR is lacking and the building should be fixed. There is an inequity of being penalized for working on the Capitol Campus and having to pay for parking, whereas her partner works in a leased building and doesn't pay for parking. The state is paying for parking at leased buildings and state owned buildings and those employees don't have to pay for parking. Bond money is paying for parking at leased and owned buildings, which equals parking plus interest. She recommended not arbitrarily raising rates, but develop a plan that makes more cohesive sense.	EH, OFF	See para 3a & b above.
Larsen, Neal; DSHS	If you insist on raising the parking rates by \$21,000 a month, the least you could do is to hire a janitor to clean up the paper and bottles, etc. in the parking garages. OB 2 parking garage always looks a mess.	DIR	See para 3c above.

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Lensegrav, Gil; DFW	I see nothing in the law that requires GA to actually increase the parking fees. The law only requires GA to "consider" the local market when setting rates. Therefore, it is legally proper for GA not to increase parking fees. State employees parking in other locations other than the Capitol Campus, for the most part, are not required to pay parking fees (Example: L & I in Tumwater). Why should we be singled out for parking fee increases? Seems shameful to even have to pay for parking where a person works for a living.	BUS, OFF	See para 3a & b above.
Lensegrav, Gil; DFW	The proposed increase is just another example of double taxation. Those of us who park on the Capitol Campus are being unfairly taxed (again) for something that we've already subsidized and paid for through state taxes. (Washington ranks in the top 5 in the nation for state taxes). Why doesn't GA get the message that this proposed increase is NOT justified? An example of unwise spending is the 10 million or so being spent on that leaky roof over the Plaza Garage. It may be necessary to fix the roof, but we can all do with less of the fancy landscaping and strive for more careful management and wise spending of our tax dollars in these fiscally tight times. For these reasons, I'm emphatically against any type of increase of our parking fees.	EH, FIN	See para 3a & d above.
Leon, Peter; DNR	I object to the GA's proposal to increase parking fees for State employees. Given that the Legislature has determined that State employees' cost of living has not increased (by choosing not to issue cost of living adjustments to salaries for several years), it seems inconsistent to increase State employees' costs in such a direct manner. The Legislature's decisions regarding cost of living should be interpreted as a legislative mandate NOT to increase costs to State employees.	EH	See para 3a above.
Lippert, Greg; DFW	I would like to take a moment to respond to the parking fee increase proposal. I have worked with the state for 22 years. While I do not believe a \$5 increase in my parking fee is wildly unjust or extravagant, it is one more deduction from an already diminishing salary. I watch my paycheck shrink with increased withholding, health insurance etc. Each of these taken individually is not a great amount, collectively that eat away at a salary that does not increase. Each year a tight budget is provided as the reason for no cost of living increases or in the years that one is awarded an equal or greater increase in my share of a deduction is increased. In July it is union dues because the legislature throws out civil service rules. In short I am registering a one person protest against it. I am tired of the losses with few gains.	EH	See para 3a above.
Logan, Janet	When you have been assigned a Disability parking placket and park in a designated space will you still be charged for parking & the increases?	Other	Persons with disabilities are not included in this fee increase proposal but may be included in future fee increases.
Long, William; ATG	I object to GA Parking giving itself a cost of living increase of \$60 a year per parker until such time as public employees are also given a cost of living increase. Find a way to hold down expenses the same way state employees also have to hold down expenses.	EH	See para 3a above.

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Longino, Melanie; GA	This \$5 increase does nothing except replace part of what used to be paid by agencies. It is not a real increase in income to the fund. It is a replacement of the hole left when we stopped charging agencies. I would be more than happy to pay the \$5 extra to cover costs, if someone could PLEASE explain to the parking office that the flag circle is ZONED during interim and LEASED during session. I bet you got a lot of undeliverable messages from this one didn't you?	Other	West Campus tenants have tried different approaches in the past with this lot to see what works best during session. We work closely with our West Campus Coordinators to get feedback on changes to lot assignments. While Office of Parking Services reserves the authority to make final decisions on parking facility usage, as a general rule, we allow our West Campus customer agencies latitude in determining stall assignments. Construction also plays an important role in how we can use the Flag Circle. We meet and negotiate assignments every session with our customers, and during the rest of the year. We have tried different lot allocations for the Flag Circle to see which work best for our customers, vendors, and visitors to the Capitol Campus. It will have different allocations this coming year as well
Lucero, Michelle; AGR	I would like to submit my comments regarding the parking fee for the NRB. For the record I oppose an increase in the fee and I oppose a fee in the first place. All NRB employees should be allowed to park in their building of employment's parking lot. I would not have a problem with paying for parkingthere were alternatives available, sucha s free street parking. Or if the parking lot was secure with ample parking and reasonable stall sizes. To be forced ot pay \$240 a year, which is a lot to many of us low-level clericla staff, for the chance to drive around a full parking lot and look for an undersized stall to squeez into does not seem like a good deal to me. Other state employees are provided parking at their places of employment (LNI, Ecology, etc). We should not have to be penalized for working next to the campus.	EH, OFF, NUM	See para 3a, b & c above.
Luedecker, Jon; DNR	While I realize costs go up and the parking rates have not increased for a long time, it is not an opportune time to do this. \$5.00 is not a lot of money. It's the principle of the whole thing that bothers me. It just seems like another slap in the face of the state employees to have another pay cut when salaries have not increased for the past three years. And it looks like it will be another year or two before we can even expect any consideration of a pay hike.	EH	See para 3a above.

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Lukers, Rebekah; ATG	I come to work ten to fifteen minutes early and still am unable to find parking. I have to walk in the dim light, by the fenced-in storage area under leaks, over rubble, and make sure I don't get hit on my way. I don't think it's fair to 'up' the price of parking when it already costs a fair amount. Sixty extra dollars a year may not be a lot to some people, but for us more penny-pinched lower-salary-range folks, it's a little irritating. If I hadn't worked in Corrections before—and wasn't in karate classes at night—I would be more fearful of someone jumping out of the shadows and assaulting me. I keep my guard up just in case It may sound silly, but there are so many dark corners and that fenced-in area could be a perfect hiding spot for an offender. Please tighten security and create a better lit and roomier parking garage. Also, I am wondering if this is something—considering the Washington Works/Civil Service Reform timeline—could be contracted out to a different parking vendor? Thanks! (Comments summarized)	NUM, LEA, SEC	See para 3c above. State law (Chapter 46.08 RCW) directs that General Administration is responsible for regulating vehicular and pedestrian traffic, including parking, on the state capitol grounds, and for setting the parking rates on the state capitol grounds. Under the Personnel System Reform Act, work traditionally performed by state employees may be competitively contracted effective July 1, 2005. At this time, no services have been identified by GA for competitive contracting.
Lyons, Dorothy S.; DSHS	Will there be any provision for lower fees (or at least lower increases) for part-time workers? thanks!	PRT	See para 3b above.
Lyons, Dorothy; DSHS	I would like to recommend consideration whether the new (and increased) parking rates could include some sort of discount for those folks who only work part-time. I understand that a part-time worker who drives still represents a stall that must be available, and that parking costs can encourage gas-conserving habits. However, it is also true that the parking cost represents a greater proportion of income for those who work part-time. Those of us who are transporting children on our way to and/or from work have little option for alternative transportation. Thanks very much!	PRT	See para 3b above.
MacGregor, Barbara; DNR	I understand the need G.A. has to bring costs and revenue in line. But the timing is very unfortunate. As I'm sure many other state employees have observed, not only are we not receiving pay increases, but we are increasingly paying more for health benefits and retirement. At the same time, the cost of living continues to rise, making our shrinking paychecks seem even smaller. Five dollars more each month doesn't seem like much, until it's combined with all the other losses and increased costs. I suggest G.A. postpone the decision until the parking advisory committee is in place, and that the committee take a look at more creative solutions, such as charging the public for parking on weekends and during events. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.	EH	See para 3a above.

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MacKenzie, Amy; ATG	I oppose the across the board 33% increase in parking fees being proposed for the Plaza Garage. As you are well aware, employees of this state have not received a cost of living raise in several years and will not likely receive one for several more. In the mean time, rising costs of health insurance has resulted in a net decrease of most salaries. I understand that insurance premiums will again rise sharply next year. Adding to the injury by drastically increasing the cost of parking in an inferior facility by almost \$100 per year is insulting and will detrimentally affect morale. Many people have sacrificed better salaries and living conditions elsewhere to live here in Olympia and serve the state. It's not fair to require them to foot the bill for an extensive renovation resulting from the fact that the garage was poorly designed and maintained.	EH	See para 3a above.
MacKenzie, Amy; ATG (continued from above)	Now is not the time to ask state workers to take another salary cut, especially to subsidize correction of past engineering mistakes. If the state can't afford the project without raising prices, it shouldn't have gone forward with it. Maybe the landscaping and fountains should be postponed until requisite funds are available. If the proposal to increase parking fees goes forward, at least consider increasing the fees on a sliding scale according to salary with a maximum five dollar increase.	EH	See para 3a above.
Maher, Carol; GA	I appreciate all the hard work the parking office does. I would like to see better lighting in some areas and between that and having qualified people working in the office, I applaud the increase. Of course I am a person, who feels like taxes should be higher. So what do I know?	LIT, SUP	See para 3c & f above.
Mangino, Dave; Leg	Mr. Stepelton I have a few questions for you in regards to the proposed parking increases. 1.What area's will be affected by the proposed increase? 2.What do the current fees pay for? 3.Where can I obtain a breakdown of current spending in regards to parking services and maintenance? 4.What is the justification for additional fees requested? Thanks	FIN	See para 3d above.
Mangino, Dave; Leg	Why is the Olympian reporting this is the first rate increase since 1992? My parking rate went from \$15.00 a month last year to \$20.00. Now you want to go to \$25.00? I really dont think now is the time to be discussing parking rate increases, given the fact that state workers have not recieved a cost of living increase in several years. Why dont the employees at L&I have to pay for parking?	EH, OFF, Other	See para 3a & b above. The legislature, by budget proviso, redesignated the zone parking on the West Campus to leased parking for the July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2003, biennium. Leased parking had a higher rate (\$20) than zoned (\$15). The additional money was used for creating additional parking spaces on the West Campus due to the loss of approximately 175 parking spaces while the legislative building is under renovation. Since these rates were increased by budget proviso, they expired at the end of the fiscal biennium. If you are currently in a zoned pace, your rate would increase from \$15 to \$20 under this proposal.

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Manguso, Christa; DFW	Hard to believe that GA is trying to raise the cost of parking. State employees haven't seen a cost a living raise for 3-years. More single families who have a hard enough time having \$7.50 taken out of each paycheck are now looking at morefor what??? I would like to know. Better service?? Better security, which is not provided by GA, it is provided by WSP. Oh I know maybe it so that whatever is dripping from the parking garage roofs ruining our cars, maybe we get more of that! Yes that must be it	EH, LEA, FIN	See para 3a, c & d above.
Manguso, Christa; DFW (continued from Above)	Maybe you should tell your customers what this extra money may be paying for.Is it so GA can fix more of their previous mistakes?? Like the huge project on Capitol Campus. It certainly isn't for any servicesevery time a GA employee is called to fix something we are greeted with rudeness or ignorance as to why they were called "it is not THEIR job". Either that or it takes FOUR years to fix a leaky, moldy window that the public sees on a daily basis!	EH, LEA, FIN	See para 3a, c & d above.
Matherly, Kathi; AGR	Mr. Stapelton, I wish to add my voice. I must leave town today for an overnight business stay. Because I cannot trust security in this parking facility, because I do not have assurance that at least a portion of the parking garage is being patrolled frequently enough to ensure my vehicle will not be disturbed, I must drive my vehicle home today and arrange to be picked up after hours when I return to the work site on Thursday evening. I do not wish to pay you extra for more effort on my part to avoid potential vandalism in your parking garage.	ENF, SEC	See para 3c above.
Mayfield, Julie; OFM	The following generic answer was sent by Sarah Purce in early October. I still want to know if those of us who are already paying \$20 for a zone parking assginment on the West Campus will have our rate increase again. Thank you.************************************	Other	This rule change would permanently change the zoned parking rate on campus from \$15 per month to \$20 per month. The previous rate increase on the west campus was imposed by the legislature by budget proviso for the FY 01-03 biennium and expired on Jun 30, 2003. The additional money was used for creating additional parking spaces on the West Campus due to the loss of approximately 175 parking spaces while the legislative building is under renovation.

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McGonigal, Steve; AGR	Thanks. Here's my testimony. I work in the NRB, and I have no choice but to pay for parking here. The most important problem with parking in the NRB is that cars are regularly burglarized. Another problem is that caustic lime drips from the parking structure onto the cars. We recently received an email advising us not to leave our personal vehicles in the NRB, because of the burglary problems. What the writer failed to realize is that many of us who travel in state vehicles as part of our jobs have no choice but to leave our personal cars here, frequently overnight, sometimes for up to a week at a time. There are no practical alternatives. I called for more I law enforcement to end the burglaries. Parking fees should not be increased unless all of the new revenue is used for additional law enforcement in the NRB parking structure. I'd appreciate a response. Caustic lime drips from the ceiling in the NRB parking structure when it rains, which it does frequently in Olympia. It damages paint. Anyone who needs documentation of damage can see me.	LEA, ENF, SEC	See para 3c above.
McGonigal, Steve; AGR (comments continued from above)	Before parking rates are increased, I'd like to hear what's being done to fix that problem before parking rates are increased. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.	LEA, ENF, SEC	See para 3c above.
McLeod, Kathryn; ATG	I work a 60% schedule, and, yet, I currently pay full time parking fees in the Plaza Garage. As I understand it, there is no reduced fee for part-time employees. I am already subsidizing the parking fees by paying for days that I do not work. I object to GA raising the parking fees by \$5, unless you are willing to recognize part-time employees and set a proportional rate for these employees.	PRT	See para 3b above.
McNally, Cindy; DOT	Please no more expenses. No pay raises and increase in medical. How much more can we take!	EH	See para 3a above.
Merkel, Bob; AGR	I have been parking at state facilities for over 20 years, and the NRB Building is by far your worst effort. To propose an increase in the parking fees for us is clearly unacceptable. My vehicle M350 was recently keyed on the passenger side. It apparently happened sometime between about 6:30 PM 3/18 and 11:00 AM 3/23. The vehicle was parked in the WSDA Parking during that time. It's possible that it could have happened elsewhere but highly unlikely. I can't say positively that it was a Drug Dummy because there are lots of people who walk through our parking area. This incident does, however, further reflect upon the problems that we are having at NRB Parking. (Summarized Comment)	SEC	See para 3c above.

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Merkel, Bob; AGR	Another incident. My vehicle M350 was recently keyed on the passenger side. It apparently happened sometime between about 6:30 pm 3/18 and 11:00am 3/23. The vehicle was parked in the WSDA Parking during that time. It's possible that it could have happened elsewhere but highly unlikely. I can't say positively that it was a Drug Dummy because there are lots of people who walk through our parking area. This incident does, however, further reflect upon the problems that we are having at NRB Parking.	SEC	See para 3c above.
Merkel, Bob; AGR, Public Hearing Comment (3-31-04)	Mr. Bob Merkel, Department of Agriculture, spoke on behalf of his division and does not recommend an increase in parking fees at this time due to vandalism and damage to the building and vehicles. Until issues are alleviated he does not recommend an increase.	SEC	See para 3c above.
Miller, Angela; DNR	I do understand that cost of living goes up and cost of services need to go up also. I believe that increasing the cost of parking is very wrong, when employees have not gotten a cost of living increase. When the employees get more money than the services should be taken care of as well, but not before then. I am sure if they were tied together that both needs would be met on a regular basis. Thank you.	EH	See para 3a above.
Mills, Bill; DNR	I would like to make a comment regarding the raising of parking rates on the Capital Campus. Normally, I would have no objection to raising parking \$5. However, I am extremely upset that it seems rates are being raise for parking and at the same time huge increases in health insurance for stae employees while we are receiving no cot of living increses. That effect is the same as lowering our salaries. While we pay for parking at the capital campus, many other state workers in Olympia and throughout the state have no parking fees. That is totally unfair. I fee that with the \$5 increase that is just another way to lower our salaries. Again, I don't have a problem increasing the fee \$5 but we should also receive a cost of living increase also to cover the rising costs of living which includes parking. I am very much against the raising of parking fees at this time.	EH, OFF	See para 3a & b above.
Monroe, M.	I just wanted to add my voice to what is probably a growing din over the proposed parking rate increase. In my personal opinion, a 25-33% rate increase is drastic and unnecessary. Alternative funding sources should be looked at first. Accountability in terms of what we get for our parking fees, and how money could be saved or betterspent without raising fees is also important to discuss.	EH, SIZ, NUM, FIN	See para 3a, c & d above.

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Monroe, M. (continued from above)	Please reconsider this increase, and consider the fact that many simply will not pay the increased price of parking. I know the evidence is anecdotal, but several people I have spoken with are making alternative plansi.e., parking on the street, having spouses drive the vehicle and park where they work (normally provided for free in non-State jobs), and making a variety of other parking choices. Each employee who chooses to park elsewhere would represent a net loss of \$15 for GA. What services do we receive for our parking fees? Inadequate parkingpoorly-designed spaceshazardous parking spaces resulting in damage to vehiclescompetition for scarce spots resulting in hot tempers (lost productivity, possibly hazardous working environment)	EH, SIZ, NUM, FIN	See para 3a, c & d above.
Monroe, M. (continued from above)	Some of my friends are particularly galled that the increase comes at a time when they have not received a salary increase for years. Over the course of a year, that extra \$5 becomes \$60.00 added to the current \$180 it costs to park at the NRB. For some of us, this is almost a week's worth of work/take-home payjust for the privilege of parking at work each month. Please consider the impact of the increase on working families and the working poor, and try to find alternate sources of funding before turning to the solution of raising rates. If anything, at least consider a smaller fee increase. Perhaps you could give us a better idea of how our dollars would be spent in the unfortunate case that this new fee is eventually imposed upon us. Are you planning to add additional spaces? As it stands, it is nearly impossible to find a parking spot after 7:58 in the morning Respectfully submitted, M. Monroe	EH, SIZ, NUM, FIN	See para 3a, c & d above.
Morgan, Sandra; DSHS	I received an e-mail stating we should contact you with concerns regarding the proposal. One concern I have is there are no rates available for part time staff. I only work part time 2 ½ days per week and carpool (with somebody in the region) 2 days so I only need parking for ½ day. It doesn't seem equitable for me to pay the same as somebody who needs parking 5 days/wk and on top of that the rates are going up. Anyway that is my issue.	PRT	See para 3b above.
Murray, Kay; DOT	Before I make a decision as to whether I'm for the increase or not, I would like to know what is done with the monies that you get from the Plaza Parking Garage. I cannot see (at this time) where the funds are currently going. The lines and zone markings need to be painted, the evelevator/stairwells are really bad (and they smell bad), and there's debris all over. Once I know this, then I can make an educated decision.	FIN, DIR	See para 3b above.
Mutton, Ginny; DNR	Thank you Andre. I may not be able to attend the hearings, so I would like to know if the response I submitted online will be considered as 'public input' at the hearing or at least at some point before final decisions are made. How can I find out how this works?	EH, FIN	See para 3a & d above. All input submitted during the comment period was considered regardless of the mode of submission.

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Mutton, Virginia; DNR	My first reaction was, "How can they think of raising parking fees when I have, in effect, been on a 'fixed income' (due to being at the top step of my pay range) for 2 years, with little hope of a pay increase in the near future?" I got past that by assuming there were probably increased costs in garage leases and/or some much needed repairs (for instance, the leaky ceilings that drop hard-to-remove mineral deposits onto cars.) But no, the top reason given for the increased rates has nothing to do with anything! It states, "Campus parking rates and regulations have not been adjusted in over a decade." How is that a valid reason? To increase rates just because you haven't for a long while is ludicrous. The second reason is not much better: "The legislature has established policy to reduce state subsidization of employee parking and that parking rates should take into account comparable private market rates for parking." Until they take into account comparable market pay for comparable jobs done by state employees, I think it is hardly fair to consider it comparable for state employees to pay private market rates for parking.	EH, FIN	See para 3a & d above.
Mutton, Virginia; DNR (continued from above)	In fact, I think this small 'subsidy' is 'in order' to help compensate for the lower-than- market pay rates and for the ceilings put on allowable pay for long-term dedicated state employees. The last reason for the proposed rate increase is the only valid one: "to better reflect costs of providing parking spaces, structures and services." I might have even accepted this reason without comment. But I would like to know has the cost to provide parking really increased by 33 percent (the rate of parking fee increases for the majority)?	EH, FIN	See para 3a & d above.
Myers, Rhonda; DOL	Although I understand the need for compliance with mandates from the legislature, I feel a parking increase for state employees at this time is punitive. State employees are traditionally paid less than their counter-parts in the private sector. State employees have incurred higher costs for their health care, and they have not had a cost of living wage for the past three years. The cost of living has not remained stagnant, and we are finding it harder and harder to just keep up.No wonder it is difficult for state government to recruit exceptional candidates from the outsideit's hard to sell the benefits of state service.	EH	See para 3a above.
Myers, Surie; DOL	I am against the parking fee increase. I also would like to know why there are still temporary assigned spaces that would normally be in unassigned areas and the spaces that were unavailable due to construction are now available?	Other	During construction on the Plaza Garage, a number of assigned spaces (primarily disabled) had to be vacated due to overhead construction activity. We temporarily assigned spaces from the zone to accommodate those parkers. While the barricades were removed on the permanent stalls, the project managers told us there was still some work to be done overhead and the parkers might be asked to move again. We decided to keep the temporary assigned stalls until the parkers could move back permanently.

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Nagygyor, Alex	Could you send me documentation showing how GA has reduced it's expenses per parking stall as mentioned on the web page as increased efficiency? I also would like more information on the east plaza garage, it costs seems unduly large.	Other	See para 3d above. The last time parking fees were changed (1992) the Office of Parking Services had ten employees and five vehicles. Today, the parking office has two permanent positions and one vehicle. These efficiencies were made possible by transferring enforcement to the Washington State Patrol and implementing on-line parking services. The Plaza Garage renewal is a five phased project which began in 1996 and will not be finished until 2008. The challenges of upgrading seismic survivability, replacing the roof and preventing water intrusion were significant. While the overall cost is expected to reach in excess of fifty million dollars GA has carefully separated those costs that are parker benefiting versus those that are not. Parkers are being asked to pay for about 55 percent of the total cost.
Nedrow, Patsy; DOT	Good Afternoon, Would you please explain the statement "Future rate increases may be considered after this time period." I don't see a time period identified in the information. If it means after July 1, 2004, then how long after that date? As the Dept. of Transportation's Commute Trip Reduction Coordinator, responsible for encouraging employees to choose a commute option other than driving alone each day, I wish the monthly parking fee was being raised more than \$5 per month. I believe employees would choose a commute alternative (walking, biking, riding the bus) more often if the cost of driving alone was increased significantly resulting in a reduction of the number of single occupant vehicles driving to the Capitol Campus each morning. In the future I hope GA will consider increasing the rates significantly.	SUP	See para 3d & f above.
Newbury, Bryan; DOT	This is a WRONG! People might be paying more elsewhere, however, most of them haven't gone three years without a C.O.L.A. I'm all for giving parking a raise when WE get one. Until then I am opposed to this poorly timed RIP OFF!	EH	See para 3a above.
Newcomb, Tom; DSHS	I think an increase has long been overdue. In fact I would like to see it go up to \$50 a car each month. If we were parking anywhere in town along the curbs, we would need to pay almost \$100 for every month we parked. I think that once the \$50 fee became set, discounts could be offered to drivers of small cars, vanpools or carpools. A mere \$5 increase in over ten years is a mere pittance.	SUP	See para 3f above.

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Newitt, Kari; ESD	I am shocked that the state for which we work for is going to raise rates for parking. State workers have not seen a cost of living increase for 3 or 4 years now. On top of that our helthcare costs have gone through the roof. My specific healthcare plan almost trippled year before last, then went up a mere \$10-\$15 last year and this year it doubled again. That is only the premium for which I pay twice monthly. This does not include all of the copayments for office visits and prescriptions that I have to purchase for my daughters newly fournd illness. I know you ar looking at this as it being "only" another \$5 a month, but to someone like me that has a tremendous amount to pay elsewhere, it is "quite a bit".	EH	See para 3a above.
Newitt, Kari; ESD	It saddens me to think that i have worked so hard to get to where I am, only to know that I would not have to struggle like I do now if I worked for the private sector, most of which do not charge for parking. If youare raising the rates to be more comparable to the rates that others are charging, then the state needs to look at the salaries of its workers and make their salaries more comparable to the private sector.	EH	See para 3a above.
Nguyen, Tuyetmai; DOL	Please do not increase the parking rates.	OPP	No issue stated.
NOREN, DOTTY; DOL	I am very much agaist the increase in raising the parking fee. It is not fair. We havent had a raise in in over three years. I don't feel safe in the garage as it is and you want us to pay more!! Medical has gone sky high, when is it going to STOP STOP!!	EH, SEC	See para 3a & c above.
Nucciarone, Rita; DOL	Since we haven't received a cost of living increase since 2001, it seems very unreasonable to increase the fee for parking. Besides, parking in the garage these days, leaves a lot to be desired. Many of the stalls are unavailable due to construction from above and leakage problems. It is not uncommon for some of us to walk the equivalent of 5 or 6 city blocks after parking to get into the building.	LEA	See para 3c above.
Olinghouse, Karen; DOL	I feel that it's unfair we get a price hike for our parking when so many state agencies don't even pay anything to park their vehicles. I realize we have covered and they have uncovered; but it doesn't seem fair that they don't pay anything.	OFF	See para 3b above.
Olinghouse, Karen; DOL	I had another thought on this issue. If the other state agencies paid a fee for their uncovered parking all over Thurston County and the Dept. of General Administration received all those parking fees, maybe those of us at the Capitol Campus wouldn't have to have our parking fees raised and maybe we could get it cheaper rather than more expensive.	OFF	See para 3b above.
Olinghouse, Karen; DOL	We can't receive any pay raises while everything around us just keeps going up & up in price - medical rates going up & up - Its not fair already we have to pay parking (When no other street parking is an option, & other state agencies don't pay) There seems to be nothing fair for us here at DOL	EH	See para 3a above.
Olson, Mike; DSHS	There should be no rate increase until we get a salary increase.	EH	See para 3a above.

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Overman, Carolyn; DOL	Please don't raise the rates. I appreciate being able to park in the garage, but since we don't get salary increases, and the safety measures haven't changed to improve the conditions within it significantly, it's frustrating to have to pay more to park. It's not like we have much choice of where to park when we work here.	EH, SEC	See para 3a & c above.
Pace, Billie; DOL	the raising of the parking fee is a really bad idea. We know that this 5 dollar raise is only the beginning - more & more raises are sure to follow. We are being financially ruined by higher cost of food, gas, health coverage, rent increases, taxes & now this. I have had <u>no</u> raise in 3 yrs, but my rent increased 3 times, my health insurance cost doubled within this time. I say no to a parking fee increase.	EH	See para 3a above.
Painter, Bruce H.; DOL	Please do not raise or increase the parking fees, especially for the handicapped. No fees are charged anywhere else in Washington for disabled parking. The physically disadvantaged have paid their fees many timies over. Wa parking Garage next to licensing bldg should be the spearhead of clear parking for the disabled. Parking fees should be levied to all state employees to even out the cost, not to just the persons that use the parking facility, but those who park in parking lots which have to be maintained as well. It basically means that those that don't have the parking fee levied on them are getting a (\$20 x 12 =\$240.00) break. This does not encourage them to use alternate ways getting to work through rideshare programs and the like.Please do not raise the parking fee or if you have to, levy the fee against everyone who drives to work everywhere, except those with a bonifid disabled/handicapped placard.	OFF, DIS1	See para 3b & e above.
Painter, Bruce H.; DOL	I am disabled. Almost everywhere, including outdoor recreation permits, public highways, State and Federal highways have eliminated and do not charge the disabled persons a fee. Even the placards are free. I was told that the parking garage adjacent to the Ob-2 and Licensing building is onsidered a state highway if you are given a ticket there. No where that I can find charges for parking or use of facilities if you are disabled or physically challenged. It is with great emphasis shown by examples everywhere that disabled persons should have no-fee parking. I would expect respect when it comes to anyone disabled paying a fee at all for parking or at the very least having no fee increased for those individuals. Pleasedo not raise the fees for parking for anyone, but especially disabled or physically challenged persons. It is already a disgrace to pay a parking fee for the handicapped in anyway.	OFF, DIS1	See para 3b & e above.
Pannkuk, Hobert; DOT	How about waiting until us State employees get a pay raise.	EH	See para 3a above.

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Paulus, Joy; IAC	As indicated in paragraph 6 on your web site. "The proposed rate increase is intended to bring parking revenues closer to General Administration's actual cost of providing and maintaing parking areas. Rates were last adjusted in 1992." I wouls like to ask that before present fees are increased that first a better job be done in maintaining the parking garage and staircase appearance and condition. There is garbage and general filth that makes walking too and from work less then comfortable or unsafe in their subways as I do your 'maintained' parking garge. Please do a better job at what should presently be covered under the present fees. Only then would I be supportive of a needed rate increase.	DIR, SEC	See para 3c above.
Pbolo- VanCamp, Renita; DOL	I protest the rate increase I'm a single parent!	EH	See para 3a above.
Penland, Steve; DFW	A parking rate increase may be appropriate ONLY when state employees are granted a cost of living increase. Until then, the rate increase is entirely unfair.	EH	See para 3a above.
Perez, Albert; WSDOT	Based on the Consumer Price Index (see link below), raising the parking rate to \$20 from \$15 would only keep pace with inflation. I would support raising the rate to at least \$30 to encourage the use of alternative transportation.	SUP	See para 3f above.
Perry, Le; ATG	I feel sorry for you, having to take the brunt of another employee pay cut, so I won't editorialize on the subject.	Other	No position or issue stated.
PETERSON, DARLA; DOL	I can't afford to work for the State of Washington anymore. With no pay increase, cost of living up, and medical up and now to pay more to be at work. Can't do it. My car has also been damaged two time in the last year because of other drivers, and the construction above. I never got an answer from the parking garage on my complaints, and finally gave up. I believe if you work for the State of Washington and park your car to be able to work you should pay. But to have only a percentage have to pay it's not fair. I feel this is only another way for someone to fill their pockets with \$, since I haven't seen any proof to where the money goes as far as patrol services, and propure repairs done on the garage. Finally, I disagree on a rate increase at this time. It's plain unfair, and stinks.	OFF, ENF, FIN	See para 3b, c & d above.
Petty, Ted; DOL, Public Hearing Comment (3- 24-04)	Mr. Ted Petty stated he is against the idea of raising the parking lot fees. In his opinion, our parents and grandparents have provided things for us in the past and part of the state workers' benefits in the past was free parking. Then individuals in the legislation probably decided it was best to have parking fees. In his opinion, there should be no parking fees for state workers, period. The reason being is he does not believe they should have to pay for parking fees in order to keep the garage going. The state workers are not the ones should be counted on nor pay for them since there has not been any pay raises. He stated he could see how people can be creative in order to pay for something that has already been paid for.	EH, BUS	See para 3a & b above.

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Petty, Ted; DOL, Public Hearing Comment (3- 24-04)	He stated he works for the Department of Licensing and has asked how they can raise money to help their department. He stated he suggested having the public pay for the Drivers Ed books. The Department of Licensing has maintained this is not an option based on the fact the taxpayers have already paid for this type of benefit so there is no need to ask them to pay for them again. This is how parking fees should also be. These have already been paid for and parking should be part of the benefits for state workers. He stated he preferred state workers should not have to pay for parking per month basis period.	EH, BUS	See para 3a & b above.
Phelps, Julie; ATG	No, I don't want parking to go up. Health care insurance just doubled for some of us, not to mention how everything else has gone up! My paycheck is getting smaller through the years, not bigger! Something wrong with that. Thank you.	EH	See para 3a above.
Plancich, Pam; DNR	I want to express my concern about an increase in parking rates when we have not had a raise in three years to offset the inflation we are experiencing. I would suggest that this not be implemented until the economy can support it.	EH	See para 3a above.
Press, Robert; DOL	I'm against the rate increase. It is not fair and is far too much of an increase.	EH	See para 3a above.
Pressley, Jim; AGR	I oppose the fee increase. Basically, I oppose any fees for parking at the NRB building when other state buildings off campus like L&I and Ecology do not charge a parking fee. I question why campus parking has a fee. Perhaps eliminating the parking garage office and staff overseeing the parking would eliminate the need to charge a fee.	OFF	See para 3b above.
Price, Eleonore; CTR, Public Hearing Comment (3- 31-04)	Ms. Eleonore Price, Commute Trip Reduction Coordinator for Department of Social and Health Services, said work sites are located throughout the state and none of these agency employees pay parking fees. The parking fees are included in the lease payment. An inequitable burden has been created to those paying long-time parking fees. For equity, GA should focus on work sites that do not pay for parking and equitably distribute parking fees across the Capitol Campus. There has not been any salary increases for the past four years. Motorcycle riders have to pay the monthly fee for their vehicles but there is no space to park motorcycles. A provision for motorcycle parking is needed.	OFF	See para 3b above. The Office of Parking Services has many reserved motorcycle stalls around the Capitol Campus. The cost is \$10 per month and we have many vacancies. Employees may register up to three vehicles for a single parking fee. When that registration includes a motorcycle they park in the same zone where they would park their car. If the parker wants a reserved stall for their motorcycle they pay the additional \$10 fee.
Rafine, Ami; DFW	I am unable to attend either meeting so I wanted to comment using this avenue. I am unhappy about the increase. The parking spots available to non-state vehicles are so limited; in addition, I have a small car and have trouble maneuvering in and out of many of the spaces. The painted lines are not maintained appropriately and most of all, there is dripping water damage, bird droppings and standing water puddles to contend with; not to mention the increase in thefts lately. The argument may be made that the increase is to fund these very complaints, but I am concerned that even with the increase these issues will not be resolved. I think a ~33.5% increase in parking fees is unacceptable.	SIZ, LEA, DIR, SEC	See para 3c above.
Raines, Brad; DOL	There have been no pay raises for many years, thus I feel a raise in parking is a hardship, especially since heath cost have gone up considerably.	EH	See para 3a above.

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Rediske-Mudd, Carol; CTED	Andre–Here are my comments regarding the proposed increase in parking fees on the Capital Campus: Some state employees near the Capital Campus have to pay a parking fee, which is now proposed to be increased. Other state employees who work just a short distance away have no parking fee, even though they use state-owned lots. It does not seem fair or equitable to charge one group and not charge the other. Spreading the cost over more employees would reduce the per-employee cost. It also doesn't seem fair that the parking costs are going up when state employees have not received a cost of living increase in years. Thank you.	OFF	See para 3b above.
Reiman, Debi; ATG	I definitely agree with Lynna (see above). How much more are we suppose to give without getting anything in return - no comp. time, no appreciation, no raises, no improved working conditions or parking conditions? What the legal secretaries/assistants do here in Olympia, if they were in Seattle, they'd be making another \$12,000 to \$18,000 more year. Something is wrong and I don't think it is right for GA or anyone else to keep taking and not giving anything back.	EH, OFF, NUM, LEA, DIR,	See para 3a, b & c above.
Reneaud, Steve; ATG	I concur! Lynna (Hickerson) has provided excellent reasons for not increasing parking fees at this time. There is little doubt that morale is down due to increased health care costs and stationary salaries. Anything that can be done to improve public employee morale will ultimately benefit the citizens of Washington far more than generating more money from parking garages. Please help protect the shrinking income of state employees by rejecting any increase in parking fees. Lynna, thank you for your well-written statement. Andre, thank you for your consideration.	EH, OFF, NUM, LEA, DIR	See para 3a, b & c above.
Reyes, Carole; DOL	While \$5.00 a month seems to be a minimal amount, I am opposed to the increase. 1. The state has not given any cost of living increases for several years. 2. Our medical insurance rates keep rising. 3. Other prices such as utilities, gas, and food prices continue to rise. It just doesn't seem right to increase our costs to work here.	EH	See para 3a above.
Rice, Greg; DOT	Andy, I cannot believe you people are raising parking fees! It takes some guts to cram this down our throats, state workers have received nothing but increased costs and NO raises for how many years now Andy? Do not do this!	EH	See para 3a above.
Riley, Brian; Public Hearing Comment (3- 31-04)	Mr. Brian Riley said he is aghast and amazed at the proposal due to the lack of financial statements to justify the reasoning for the increase. There is no documentation offered for background or analysis. Why is the money needed? Where are the costs associated, the detail behind the analysis? If costs are needed to increase operations, where are funds going, projections, where were the needs identified? How is money going to be kept in separate fund to address issues? No to the parking increase. He requested background information for justification. At a public meeting there should be interaction or additional detail.	FIN	See para 3d above.
Rivas, Florentina; DOL	Please Don't raise the parking	OPP	No issue stated.

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Roberge, Jean; DSHS, Public Hearing Comment (3- 31-04)	Ms. Jean Roberge, Department of Social and Health Services, said her entire department is not in favor of the parking increase. She believes there shouldn't be any parking fee at all due to taxpayers already being charged to subsidize the Capitol Campus. She previously was employed in another state, a much larger city than Olympia, and parking was provided. She was shocked by having to pay for parking when she arrived in Washington. Whether employees are receiving salary increases or not should impact whether a parking increase is charged, but makes a difference to those being charged	BUS	See para 3b above.
Robert, Brett; LEG	Andy, I can't afford to pay for parking at today's rates on the salary I make. I park far away and walk. The \$15 - 25/ a month GA charges for parking needs to go instead to raising my family. State employees have gone to long without a raise & this on top of the increased expenses for health insurance just chips away at our earnings. I urge that you reconsider, reduce your expenses & service and at least hold the line on parking fees. I will speak to my Senator about reducing the cost of parking. Thank you,	EH	See para 3a above.
Rohila, Lajya; DOL	Please don't raise the parking fee. Thanks	OPP	No issue stated.
Rohr, Jan; DOT	I cannot agree with GA wanting to increase our parking rates at this time. It isn't the \$5.00, but with no raise since 2001 (and it doesn't look like we will get a raise in the near future), medical coverage increasing now on a yearly basis, this is not the time for state employees to be asked to dig into their pockets again. Also, if we here on campus need to pay more, then I think it is only fair that ALL state employees, wherever they are located, should pay for their own state parking.	EH, OFF	See para 3a & b above.
Ross, Lauradel M.; WSDOT	I am against the parking increase it is just the tip of the iceberg. Once you start raising the fee it will continue to climb like health-care costs. State workers have not had a raise for three years. Never mind that cost of living and everything else has gone up. We aren't left with much choice as to where to park and believe me it isn't fun to park in heck and gone and walk thru the dreary garage to get to your workplace. I don't mean to sound ungrateful because I am thankful to have a job but it does get harder and harder to make ends meet. I plan on attending the public hearing to hear other people's feelings and get more insight on the situation. Thank you for allowing me to vent.	EH	See para 3a above.
Royal, Cheryl; GA	I am opposed to a parking fee increase. State employees have not had a cost of living raise in many years, while fees for insurance and taxes have increased.	EH	See para 3a above.

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Ryan, Terry; ATG	I hope this is an early Aprils Fool's Day joke. With no pay raises for years and significantly increased health care costs for the vast majority of state employees, surely GA cannot be seriously considering an increase in parking for those who work on the capitol campus. To say this will cause anger, frustration and, in some cases, hardship is an understatement. I think this will put a lot of people over the edge. As I am sure you are well aware, these folks have effectively had pay decreases for the past few years. I assume that you expected to get a lot of negative input on this proposal (lucky you!). However, I think this will be viewed as the final straw by many state employees. I get a sense that you may well face a ground swell of antagonists over this rate increase. I strongly suggest that GA table this issue until state employees begin to at least stay up with the rate of inflation with pay and benefits.	EH	See para 3a above.
Rycraft, Nella; WSDOT	Although \$5.00 is not a great amount of money, the fact that state workers have not received an increase in several years and our health insurance continues to increase dramatically, this seems like a slap in the face.	EH	See para 3a above.
Rydalch, Candice	Mr. Stepelton; I have a few questions about the parking situation. The rate increase apparently will affect 4250 employees (750 leased and 3500 zoned spots) How many employees work for the state? 65,000 or something like that? Do all employees pay for parking? Just a suggestion, but if you charged all employees \$10 to park, you'd be much further ahead! I'll look forward to your answers. Thank you	OFF	See para 3b above.
Rydalch, Candice	Mr. Stepelton, Thank you very much for your response. I appreciate your promptness. I have a few more questions and then I won't bother you anymore. When the Legislature is in session, and the paid for lot is completely full, why is it there is a lot of cars parked in there that don't have stickers? Why is it at that time we rarely see officers "ticketing" these cars? Maybe the "pages" and folks that work for the politicians pay something or maybe they get something to put in their window but we don't see it so how can the parking enforcement officer? Thank you again	Other	Legislators and their staff members do pay parking rental fees. During the legislative session they hire their own access control personnel to control the west campus lots and the GA parking office provides them with a list of authorized parkers. Users are issued a placard which should be hung from the rear view mirror. In order to access the lot they must show it to the attendant.
Sarno, Mary; DSHS	I oppose the parking garage increase at this time because we have not had a cost of living increase. Other people who work at State office buildings in Olympia, do not have to pay for parking such as DOH, etc. The quality of parking at DSHS is poor, the F level is filled with state cars, often there is no parking close to your own building, often it floods and water drips on the cars.	EH, OFF, NUM, LEA	See para 3a, b, & c above.
Schluter, Ulli; GA	Fees should be collected first from agencies that did not pay (so far) before raising ours. Gain some money that way first, and raise the fees in a few years from now – that would seem more fair to me.	OFF	See para 3b above.

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Schultz, Peter; DOT	I stopped by the parking meeting on March 31st and listened to some of the testimony. I agree that the timing of an increase in parking fees couldn't be worse. I urge you to hold off on the increase until at least next year, preferably don't increase the rates at all. I also agree that for those of us who are working on the Capital Campus, we are penalized by having to pay for parking. The parking at remote buildings is "free" with the State paying for the parking as part of the lease. If the State is paying there, they should pay here too. Finally I am seeing more and more reserved/restricted parking spaces. What is reserved/restricted? I understand handicap and here in the Transportation Building the ones for the Regions and IT. Yet a good many of these are not used, especially the ones with the new RESERVED signs. What criteria is used to be able to park in a reserved space? I'd be willing to pay a premium for a reserved spot.	EH	See para 3a above. In the DOT Garage we have reserved stalls for disabled employees, car and van pools, service vehicles, and agencies. The service vehicles are for vendors who service and repair machinery. Agency reserved spaces are typically used for agency owned vehicles and for that agency's off-campus employees who need to visit the headquarters. This year, we have added car/vanpool spaces and disabled employee stalls (eight total). We have reduced the number of agency stalls by two.
Scott, Sarah; Leg	This is very poor timing for state employees who've gone without raises while seeing the cost of our health care rise, along with many non-work related expenses. In effect, we've had a pay cut the past few years. To charge us more for parking with no additional benefit in service is extremely unwise and heedless of our situation. The injustice is heightened by the fact that most state employees pay nothing for parking. Please do not enact the fee hike proposal.	EH	See para 3a above.
Selix, Doug; OFM	I would like to go on the record opposing parking fees for campus employees in general. I feel as a state employee I am already taxed by low wages and should not have to pay for parking just because I work on the campus. Because the parking tax is not something all employees must pay I also feel it is very discriminatory. State employee's in many locations are provided with free parking, why not the one's on the campus? Raising this tax just makes me angry.	OFF	See para 3b above.
Seymour, Linda; DOL	Will the day pass increase too? Please let me know. Thank you.	Other	The cost of day passes would not be changed by this proposal.
Sheridan, Lynn; AGR	If all state employees had to pay to park you wouldn't have to raise the rate. Why not just include all locations and not put the whole burden on those that have to work at the Capital Campus? Parking spaces keep on disappearing from P1, but none are added. Gas prices are on the increase and we have had no COLA for a long time. Vehicles are unsafe left parked in the parking lot at the NRB, they have been broken into, repeatedly. My work hours are variable so I can not practically use public transportation or car-pooling. The parking structure has never been carfriendly with all the weird angled posts and tiny parking spaces. What more are we going to get for that extra \$5 a month, \$60 a year, that you plan to nick us for? I strongly disagree with this plan. It is short-sighted and unfair. (Comments summarized)	EH, OFF, NUM, SEC	See para 3a, b, & c above.
Shumate, Larry; DOL	I BELIEVE THIS IS WAY TO MUCH OF AN INCREASE	EH	See para 3a above.

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Simmons, T.; DSHS	Just a HUGE hooray to see the increase in parking fees!!! I personally paid \$15,000 a month for about 9 months even after I started to ride the bus and not use the parking garage. This was over 8 years ago. The fee was so small it was not even a priority to find out how to stop paying it. Now I am an avid bus rider from Tacoma and a huge CTR supporter. One of the changes I saw for folks in OB2 was when the on street parking was changed – folks were forced to make changes in their driving behavior. I support an increase in parking fees. Parking fees need to more closely match that of the cheap parking rates in Tacoma – between 150 and 25 depending on your prime location. The idea that folks can park for less than \$1.00 per day is outrageous!!! That is less than a bus ride – not supporting any option for reducing SOV. I propose a greater increase and incremented increases for days parked – the more days parked the higher the fee. Good luck at your meetings!	SUP	See para 3f above.
Skinner, Gloria; DOT	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed parking fee increase. I am not in favor of the proposed increase in state parking fees, but I do agree that there should be an attempt to establish equity among all users. On that account, I do not think it is equitable to 1) raise fees 33% in one increase and 2) to raise the fees for some users and not others.	DIS2, DIR, LIT, FIN	See para 3b, c & d above.
Skinner, Gloria; DOT (continued from above)	On the first count, if there must be an increase, I would like to see it phased-in over 3 years. If you've managed to survive for the last decade on existing revenues, a phased-in approach won't hurt anything. Second, let's have equity for all, and not penalize only the majority. Let the motorcycles and disabled parkers chip in their fair share too.	DIS2, DIR, LIT, FIN	See para 3b, c & d above.
Skinner, Gloria; DOT (continued from above)	I would like to see where my parking fee goes now. How much are we being subsidized, and for what? What will the increased revenue be used for? Yes, it will be used to lower the subsidy, but that will free up some money for other uses. What will it be used for? This information should be fully disclosed on your website. As a consumer, I want to know what I'm getting for my money, and what more I'll get when you raise my rates. The parking garages aren't very pleasant places to be – even with the improvements of recent years. They're dirty, dark, and poorly signed, especially for helping people orient to where they are. The concrete rubble from the earthquake is still piled near the walls. It's a long walk from just about anywhere in the garage to where people need to go, and some pedestrian-ONLY walkways are badly needed so you're not sharing the driveway with pickup trucks that splattering mud/water when they pass you by. I'd like to see designated walkways that are brightly lighted and very well-signed.	DIS2, DIR, LIT, FIN	See para 3b, c & d above.

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Skinner, Gloria; DOT (continued from above)	Is everything handicap-accessible? Why not put large maps of the parking garage layout on the walls so people unfamiliar with it can find their way? Why not install automated day-parking-pass dispensers (they use this type of technology at the airport and in lots of private garages). Lastly, I find it amusing that one of the reasons given for the increased rates is to provide incentive for people to join carpools and vanpools or otherwise participate in CTR programs. If a lot of people started doing that, not only would the cost of supporting the CTR programs shoot up, but your parking revenues would go DOWN. Oops! That won't help your bottom line any. I think the "CTR incentive" is a politically-correct smokescreen and this is all about revenue. Please include my comments in your record of public comments and I hope you'll consider my points. Thanks	DIS2, DIR, LIT, FIN	See para 3b, c & d above.
Smith, Elizabeth; GA	I don't have a problem with the increase to the parking rates. I would like to see better lighting for those of us that come to work early or stay late. The lighting in the Columbia Garage is very dim. I would also like the smell inside to stairwells in both the Columbia and GA Garages taken care off. It smells like human waste. If you can ensure brighter lights and cleaner stairwells I would be more than happy to give you an extra \$5.	DIR, LIT	See para 3c above.
Smith, Ted; DNR	It is unethical to raise the parking fee mandated by law when our pay, also mandated by law, has been ignored. When we get at least a COLA, then you get yours!	EH	See para 3a above.
Smolko, Dave; SAO	It's amazing to me that any type of rate increase is proposed when state workers who park in the OB2 plaza garage generally have not had a salary increase since 2001. All our expenses keep going up but we can't get a simple cost of living increase. Why can't they wait on any parking increase until a wage increase is forthcoming?	EH	See para 3a above.
Snell, Randall G.; GA/DCF	I have compared to all other employers in Thurston County and can't find any who charge their employees to park. I again urge no increase at this time.	BUS	See para 3b above.
Snell, Randy; GA	I remain opposed to this rate increase. My family does not deserve another reduction in take-home pay with yet another medical increase on the horizon. My pay and benefits are already far behind the private sector. More take-aways will drive the most qualified employees away from Sate employment.	EH	See para 3a above.
Snyder, Debra; DOL	I totally disagree with this. Why should we have to pay more than we are paying now. There are no benefits to paying more at all.	FIN	See para 3d above.
Snyder, Suzi; DOL	I protest the rate increase.	OPP	No issue stated.

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Sockle, Dan; OFM	Hi Andy, I know that you are only the messenger, so won't shoot ya. I would not mind such increases, such as we have incurred in our healthcare plans as well, but it seems to be incredibly unfair when we have not seen any pay increases for the past how many years? Having maxed out at step K in my pay grade a couple of years ago, and absent any cost of living increases of late, I now make LESS money than I did a few years ago. Is there a STATE FAIRNESS COMMITTEE anywhere that can perhaps explain what the heck is going on in this state? As a military retiree, similar steps in the wrong direction are also happening to my retired pay. I will not be able to attend either of the public meetings, but sure would appreciate this input being included in the overall response and discussion.	EH	See para 3a above.
Sotelo, Rebecca; AGR	Good afternoon – If the rate increase is necessary to better match the actual cost of providing and maintaining parking areas then that is justified. My main concern is people who park in the garages without paying for it. I'm sure there is a lot of ticketing that goes on, but at peak times (such as when legislature is in session or if there are rallies) we see available parking spaces dwindle. When a person pays a monthly fee for parking they should be assured that they will be able to find a space in their designated parking area. This is not always true. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.	NUM, ENF	See para 3c above.
Speaks, Pene; DNR	It is untenable that state employees are being asked to pay more for parking, even though a small amount, while there wages have continued to be frozen. The cost of living is being increased intentionally while no cost of living adjustment to wages has been approved by the legislature in years. I am opposed to this increase.	EH	See para 3a above.
Stedman, Carol; DFW	I am writing in regards to the increase of parking fees. I believe that since there are several parking spots that cannot be used, because of the drips from the ceilings of the NRB garage that will ruin the paint job of any vehicle that is parked below it. Also I believe that for as many SUV's and large trucks that use the garage there are too many spots that can be only used by compact vehicles. If an additional \$5.00 a month would correct these problems I could understand the increase if the increase does not correct the problems I would be against any increase.	SIZ, LEA	See para 3c above.
Stephens, Sandy; DOT	Thank you for your response. I appreciate the explanation. How much are we currently being subsidized?	OFF	See para 3b above.
Stephens, Sandy; DOT	State empoyees in lease buildings that provide free parking are getting a greater state subsidy than those on the capital campus. Therefore, you didn't answer the question. It seems if the state charge every one you wouldn't have to raise rates on compus. It's an equity issue. Also, your chart on market rates wasn't clear if it was for the downtown Olympia area or not.	OFF	See para 3b above.

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Stephens, Sandy; DOT	What is the current state subsidy for employee parking? State empoyees in lease buildings that provide free parking are getting a greater state subsidy than those on the capital campus. Therefore, you didn't answer the question. It seems if the state charge every one you wouldn't have to raise rates on compus. It's an equity issue. Also, your chart on market rates wasn't clear if it was for the downtown Olympia area or not.	Other	See para 3d above. All costs of parking operations have not been captured prior to the current biennium, therefore we cannot answer this question with precision for past years. The subsidy has been at least equal to the cost of maintenance and operations which we are now estimating at \$911,000 per year. The NRB debt (principle and interest on bonds) being paid by parking fees only partly covers the portion related to the construction of the parking garage. The survey of private commercial parking facilities was limited to the city of Olympia. Our benchmark facilities are located within a few blocks of the Capitol Campus.
Stevens, Marcine; DSHS	Mr. Stepelton: Considering that state employees have already incurred a pay reduction through increased medical costs and no cost of living increases raising parking fees is another pay reduction for state workers. Thank you,	EH	See para 3a above.
Strand, Tammie; DOL	I think this is outrageous and again unfair to state workers. With no pay raises or cost of living increases for some time now, we are expected more and more to pick up expenses the state should provide. The State of Washington employees do not deserve this and are getting tired of less & less pay because of nickel & diming us like this.	EH	See para 3a above.
Swartz, Rex	Why does GA feel the need to raise the parking fee?	FIN	See para 3d above.
Tafejian, John; GA	My concern is that this \$5 increase will not begin to cover the total cost of parking. I think that making parking a "business" is a bad thing for state employees since it will make us pay more for the same service. Subsidized parking is part of the benefit of state employment. Val told me she found about \$800,000 in expenses that could be transferred from the utility/fixed price costs to parking. Well, the parking rate increase to cover that \$800,000 will be about \$7.00 per month, per stall. When we start adding the maintenance costs plus the \$7.00 above I think we will be up to well over \$30 per month. Our customers are going to love that.	BUS	See para 3b above.
Tallman, Gail; DOL	i know that it has been sometime sense you increased the price of the parking. but it has been along time sense we have got a pay increase. are you planning on getting us a pay increase to cover the cost of the parking increase? i have a feeling that a lot of people feel this way. price keeps going up and our pay check s stay the some. for what it's worth . which these day's isn't much.	EH	See para 3a above.

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Tallman, Gail; DOL	What else is new - price go up and our paycheck stay's the same. it has been sometime sense it has been increased. it All so has been along time sense we have had a pay increase to. are you planning on getting us a pay increase all so? to cover the increase of parking. i have a feeling a lot of people feel the same way. the cost of living goes up and our pay checks stay the same. any way for what ever it's worth. which most likely not much.	EH	See para 3a above.
Thomas, Dan; DOL	I though that I was doing my part to help with parking. We ride in a car pool (2@ DOL 1 @ L&I). I pay the \$15.00 per month and now you want more. I can't even get a closer place to park (van/carpool).	Other	Since you have two capital campus employees in your vehicle you qualify as a "rideshare ". You and your rider can split the cost of the parking space. Contact the parking office for further details.
Tiller, Brandy; DOT	With this rate increase will more work be done to the parking garage? My car doors have been dinged because of the small parking stalls. The lighting is horrible and there is water leaking all over the place. There are many empty spaces in the DOT garage and not enough in the Plaza. When I get to work at 7:45 I have to go two floors down to get a spot. If you drive through the DOT garage there are empty spaces, but you can't park there. How often is the waiting list updated?	SIZ, LEA	See para 3c above. Waiting lists on the Capitol Campus are often many years long. Early this year, with the help of a temporary intern position, the Parking Office re-registered the DOT Garage, issued new permits, and converted the two zones into one zone. The process allowed us to eliminate many parkers who had left without canceling. Combining the two zones also increased our flexibility in making assignments. The waiting list was reduced from fourteen years to six years. During this time, many parkers who did not belong in the garage, but somehow had the old permits, were forced to leave. Yes, we have had some high vacancy rates, but we are continuing to back-fill the garage from the waiting list. During the late spring and summer months, there will also be more vacancies as parkers take vacation time.
Torrence, Ronald L.; DOL	I do not believe that the rates should be raised.	OPP	No issue stated.
Torres, Valerie L.; AGR	Your website states that "State law requires General Administration to charge for parking on the Capitol Campus. The law also requires the department to consider the local market when setting rates." and then states that "The proposed rate increase is intended to bring parking revenues closer to General Administration's actual cost of providing and maintaining parking areas. Rates were last adjusted in 1992." If the law requires that you consider the local market then I do not see how "bringing the parking revenues" "closer to" "actual cost" is the same as "considering the local market". Could you please provide me with more information showing the costs of other parking in the Olympia area and how the GA parking rates compare to other zoned parking areas. (Thank you, in advance, for this information.)	FIN, SIZ, LEA, SEC	See para 3c & d above. We compared our rates only to private commercial providers in the city of Olympia. Based on our survey in August 2004 those rates ranged from a low of \$35 to a high of \$66.28. (We did not include the Diamond lot at 7th and Capitol Way, which currently charges \$71.72 per month, because it is being closed on September 15, 2004 due to a city zoning change.) We chose the benchmarks outlined in paragraph 3d above because of their proximity to the Capitol Campus and type service provided.

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Torres, Valerie L.; AGR	Also, I believe you have received several e-mails about the NRB parking and I have to agree with those e-mails. The lack of security in the NRB parking lot is absolutely atrocious. Not to mention that are particular levels of the parking garage (P2 and P3) if you park in the wrong location the liquid that drops on vehicles during rain storms causes damage to the paint (I know it happened to my vehicle). Then there is the issue of the size of the parking stalls in the NRB parking garage. Increasing the cost of parking more than 30% when these issues don't appear to be being worked on - is outrageous.	FIN, SIZ, LEA, SEC	See para 3c & d above.
Tram, DOL	No justification to increase the parking fees.	FIN	See para 3d above.
Tremblay, Kathy ; DOL	I'm opposed to any increase to the parking. I haven't had an increase in pay for over ten year. Because every time that the Legislature gives the state a raise the also raise our health insurance payments. Which in the end is a loss in pay for me. Yet the Legislatures get a nice high pay raise every year. And I bet they don't have to pay for their parking. Shortly after I started working for the state my health insurance was part of my pay raise. But they have taken that away from me now. I feel that the Legislature takes advantage of state workers. They want more work from us with less pay.	EH	See para 3a above.
Turner, Cathy; DOL	NO RAISE FOR ANY OF US. THAT MEANS PARKING ALSO. Why didn't the upgrades include Lighting? IT STINKS.	EH, LIT	See para 3a & c above.
Turner, Joseph; Tac Trib	I thought we already pay \$30 a month. How does this affect those of us who lease in the press house lots?	Other	This rate increase will not impact non-state users.
Turner, Sandra; DFW	I will cancel my parking pass because I only use it several times a month when I drive to work instead of taking the bus.	Other	No position or issue stated.
Ubias, Beva; DOT	I wanted to make a comment on the proposed parking increase. I not only speak for myself but for others as well. For one thing, some of us have not had a raise in four years and next year would make five years. For those of us at the top of our salary range, we are at the discretion of the Legislature to give us a raise. My medical benefits doubled and as a result, my paycheck is smaller. I am a Sec Admin, single head of household and paying an extra \$5 for parking is asking too much from me.	EH	See para 3a above.
Valenti, James, DSHS	I favor an incresed rate for parking. It seems to me that if the rates are not increased the state government would be directly contradicting itself on getting employees to use alternate methods of transportation. I actually favor raising the parking rates even more than the suggested five dollars. The extra funds could be used to pay for the Commuter Trip Reduction program and thereby promote greener, friendlier means of transportation. I relize that there are a few people who can't use alternate means of transportation, but I believe most can. The state government needs to do the right thing for all citizens and that is to get cars off the road, not to encourage it.	SUP	See para 3f above.
Van Gelder, Micheel; GA	Great idea. Should be more–closer to market rate of \$40-\$45.	SUP	See para 3f above.

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Vessey, Stacy; IAC	I do not agree with increasing our parking rates. I have received 2 tickets, 1 for parking in a visitor spot that was not marked & 1 for having my sticker in the wrong location. If the State Patrol would actually run sticker numbers & verify license plate numbers instead of just looking to see if there is a sticker on a vehicle, parking enforcement would be much more efficient. GA has continually taken parking spots from employees in the NRB building. Also, they have not marked parking spots real well. I just don't think employees deserve to get charged more per month when we are not receiving the services we should from GA.	NUM	See para 3c above.
Vogel, Alice; DOL	I oppose the proposed parking rate change for the following reasons: 1) The majority of personnel utilizing the plaza parking are support staff necessary to surrounding agencies; 2) Under the current proposal, increased parking rates are targeted and penalize agency support staff who can ill afford the increased cost. Perhaps a better solution would be to charge a standard rate for parking at all lots owned/managed by GA. In addition, further upgrades to the plaza parking are needed even after the structural improvements are complete. There are security issues that have never been addressed. If I must pay to park in an underground parking facility, I expect that facility to be secure. In particular, a government parking facility should have better security in light of current events.	EH, LIT, SEC	See para 3a & c above.
Waldron, Becky; ATG	I think Lynna has stated the issues well (referring to Lynna Hickerson's comment above).	EH, OFF, NUM, LEA, DIR	See para 3a, b & c above.
Waldron, Becky; ATG	Brenda's right - I looked in the RCWs and the 2003 supplement and can't find it either??? (Assumption - This is a reference to comments made by Brenda Lee Weeks, Leg)	Other	The correct RCW is 46.08.172, Parking rental fees – Establishment.
Ward, Angella; DFW	That is approx. \$1.00 a day. NOT FAIR. The spaces are so close together, that the sides of our autos get marked up from other car doors. And there is no security to speak of. With the rising cost of gas, before long, we are not going to be able to drive to work. We do appreciate not having to walk for miles. But the State continues to want more from us, but does not give in return.	SIZ, SEC	See para 3c above.
Wearley, Joanne; DNR	What does the increase in parking rates provide other than the going rate for parking spaces? Is there going to be more patrolling and ticketing for vehicles without parking stickers? If not then I am opposed to increases based solely on the going rate of parking spaces because those other parking lot rates provide some service (i.e. making sure that others are not occupying parking spaces paid for by those that do).	ENF	See para 3c above.

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Weeks, Brenda Lee; Leg	I would like to be on record as opposing the parking rate increase. I have still not received the requested accounting for how the money you have already collected has been spent on our parking facilities. The parking areas, until this year, have not had ANY REAL maintenance during inclement weather. This causes severe hazards to those who have to walk in the snow, ice and slush. I think the amount we pay is more than enough. I still want a copy of the accounting for the parking fees and how they have been used over the last five years. A lot of money has been collected from us and I think we should be able to see how it has been spent. Are there going to be any efforts to increase the number of parking spaces on campus? The diagonals could be widened just a little more than they are currently and angle parking could open a lot more spaces. I look forward to your feedback.	SIZ, NUM, FIN	See para 3c & d above.
Weeks, Brenda Lee; Leg	I would like to see a copy of the law that is cited on the Q&A page - http://www.ga.wa.gov/Park/FAQ.htm "We're required by law to charge for parking on campus (RCW 43.08.172). The law also requires us to take into account local market rates for parking, and to reduce subsidization of parking to help meet commute trip reduction goals." I was unable to locate it on ATLAS.	SIZ, NUM, FIN	See para 3c & d above.
Weeks, Brenda Lee; Leg	I do have one additional question. What extra services or amenities will we receive on account of this 25% fee increase?	Other	See para 3d above.
Weeks, Brenda Lee; Leg, Public Hearing Comment (3- 31-04)	Ms. Brenda Lee Weeks, Legislature, said she is opposing the parking increase. She mentioned what \$5.00 a month would buy for her family. There has been no salary increase but insurance costs have increased. When she makes deliveries at DNR she has to pay for parking. One fee parking for the entire area should allow for equity to make deliveries to other agencies. Department of Ecology (DOE), on Martin Way, charges for parking in the garage and there is no charge to park on campus. DOE employees get paid to carpool, but she has to have herself, her spouse and a third person to qualify for carpooling. Equity should be across the board for all agencies. The parking increase would reduce her children's food. Parking repairs have been made, but more are needed. She suggested widening the diagonal parking stalls to the sidewalk and change to angle parking which would provide additional parking and would be a realistic and worthy venture of investment. She is paying for what she doesn't get to use. A parking increase was previously charged and reversed but she has not seen a credit for being overcharged.	Other	The correct RCW is 46.08.172, Parking rental fees – Establishment. The majority of parking spaces on the campus have a standard dimension of 9 feet wide by 20 feet long. In the NRB garage a decision was made in conjunction with agency management to size those spaces at 8 feet wide in order to increase the total number of spaces. The dimension and arrangement of parking spaces are a potential agenda item for the parking advisory committee but agency needs must also be considered. There are no current plans to build additional parking facilities. Duncan Crump, GA Parking Office, met with the West Campus agencies regarding the overcharges and this was resolved by stopping the payroll deductions for a period equal to the overpayments, then restarting payroll deductions at the correct amount.

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Welch, Tim; Public Hearing Comment (3- 24-04)	Mr. Tim Welch stated he was the Director of Public Affairs for Washington Federation State Employees. The federation represents 40,000 state employees across the state, including hundreds on the Capitol Campus that are affected by proposed rate increases, which include workers, agencies such as DSHS, DNR, Licensing, Fish and Wildlife, DOT, Employment Security, and GA. The federation appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed increases for some parking areas and appreciates several other areas are not being increased. The federation knows what the law says and knows how challenging and thankless this is for the GA staff. However, the federation wants to be on record opposing the parking rate increase. This is not the time to ask state employees to essentially pay more to work. The federation realizes \$5 a month would not break someone's budget but that equates to \$60 a year, which is equivalent to 6 Group Health doctor visit copays. Over the past 10 years, he has had the privilege of working with a task force on a number of innovative strategies.	EH, Other	See para 3a & b above. GA is committed to forming a parking advisory committee to provide a forum for customer input to future decisions regarding rate setting and services. It is the business practice of GA to seek our customer's advice on improving the quality and delivery of our various GA services.
Welch, Tim; Public Hearing Comment (3- 24-04)	In 1995, they worked together to pass legislation that is now state law, RCW 43.01.240. The centerpiece of this law is the requirement that an advisory committee of employees be formed whenever agencies are considering parking fees or increases. He stated he realizes the Capitol Campus does not fall under this law but should use these provisions as a model in this issue. These parking increases are not just a cost issue. On principal, affected employees should be part of the solution to the fullest extent possible. The GA and Governor Locke should not be afraid to reach out to affected employees is a substantive way through employee advisory committees. The Governor, who is ultimately responsible for these increases, should not be afraid to negotiate these issues with employees through management and current master contract negotiations. The parking fee hikes might not be in an imposition to the federation but to many of the members, the increase symbolically is insulting.	EH, Other	See para 3a above.
Welch, Tim; Public Hearing Comment (3- 24-04)	The Governor applauded state employees for their generosity of the \$5 million contributed to charities of the combined fund drive. Even though the employees have not received pay raises, they still dig in their pockets for those in need. This comes back to the issue of principal. The administration should back employee's kind works by simply not hiking parking fees and bringing this issue to the employees. The administration should involve the employees and not dictate. The Governor can extend respect by withdrawing the parking fee hikes and bringing these issues to the master contract bargaining table.	EH, Other	See para 3a above.
Wesel, Kim; DOT	I have no problem with parking fees increasing to keep ahead of the cost of operating the system, however it should not go into effect until State Employees get a cost of living raise as well.	EH	See para 3a above.

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Wheeler, Wendy; AGR	Increasing the fees in a lot that has the water damaging areas is ludicrous. And the water damaging areas are on the rise. There is hardly a day when it rains that you can drive safely though the parking lot without being dripped on, on top of trying to find a spot that does not drip on your vehicle. It is extremely frustrating. Also, there are many times when parking is not available and I notice that there are non paying persons in the spots. There have also been security issues with persons off the streets sleeping in the parking stalls. This along with the recent vandalism occurring is unsettling. I pay for parking, I should be able to expect something from this other than possibly guaranteed parking, if you get there at the right time and hoping for a spot that is not going to devalue my vehicle. Parking on the street seems to be somewhat safer at times. It is not appropriate to increase fees by 33% in light of the increasing risks of parking at the NRB. It is virtually impossible to park in a "compact" space and get in and out of your car without bumping the car beside you.	SIZ, NUM, LEA, SEC	See para 3c above.
Whipple, David; DFW	My comments pertain to damage to vehicles and inadequate parking availability. 1) If you raise the rates, the NRB structure needs to be fixed so that it doesn't leak corrosive chemicalsruining the finish on personal vehicles. 2) WSP should give parking tickets to agency-owned vehicles parked in public parking spaces. If there aren't enough agency spaces available then convert a couple more spaces adjacent to the already agency-designated spaces.3) DON'T LEASE SPACES TO THOSE NOT WORKING IN THE NRB!! I see people park, then walk across the street. It's really difficult if not impossible to find a spot to park if you get to the NRB later than about 8:00 or 9:00. People working in the NRB should be assured there is enough parking for them first. Don't overbook!	SIZ, LEA	See para 3c above. Frequent GA surveys of the NRB garage show there are open spaces at any given time for zone parkers. The P2 level usually fills up early, but we often find 30 to 40 available spaces on P3.Any vehicle parked in the zone requires a zone permit. We do have a few state owned vehicles that are permitted for the zone. Without the proper permit, any vehicle, private or state-owned, is subject to a parking citation.
Whipple, David; DFW	4) Compact cars should be REQUIRED to park in compact spaces. It's virtually impossible to park a full-size vehicle in a "compact" space. This is another parking problem that causes damage from door dings & dents. (Comments summarized)	SIZ, LEA	In the NRB garage a decision was made in conjunction with agency management to size those spaces at 8 feet wide in order to increase the total number of spaces. Parkers are encouraged to use stalls appropriate for their vehicle type. This issue could be an agenda item for future parking advisory council meetings. Of course, agency management will also be consulted. Agency vehicles must have a permit to park in zoned areas and will be ticketed if they are found in the zone without one.
Wickham, Brooke; CTED	I oppose the parking lot increase. I think that reasonable parking space should be one of the benefits offered to state employees. I offer a compromise: To encourage other transportation forms: offer two rates of parking a higher one for those who use a vehicle every day, and a lower rate to those who ride the bus or a bicycle at least two days a week. This would mean that there would be more parking spaces assigned than there are spaces, but would promote alternate transportation, and also increase revenue to pay for the parking lots.	BUS	See para 3b above. We appreciate your support of commute trip reduction alternatives. There are incentives built into the CTR program for employees who use alternative transportation modes. Our current decision is being driven by statutory requirements, legislative budget guidance and business realities. We anticipate that the increased rates may prompt some parkers to take another look at commute alternatives.

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Williams, Eric; DOL	I'm against the rate increase. I wonder if the fact there is little support or justification for this increase will make any difference. My thinking is that the increase is a 'done-deal' and this is just going through the legal hoops before implementing an unjust decision. I've not heard WHY there's being an increase – just vague excuses.	EH, FIN	See para 3a & d above.
Williams, Jo; ATG	Dear Andy: Needless to say, State employee's have not enjoyed a cost of living raise in years. Our health co-pays, deductibles and premiums have risen over the past years while we have not been compensated to help offset them. The costs of living have also risen dramatically, and again, our salaries have remained stagnant. It is sad that not only are we paid below the national average for compensatory jobs in the marketplace, but our incomes continue to be chipped away by miscellaneous costs.	EH	See para 3a above.
Williams, Jo; ATG (continued from above)	I am witness to brilliant and talented people who are now lost to State employment because they simply could no longer support their families on a "less than standard" income and were forced to seek jobs elsewhere. This whole issue cuts deep at the heart of the quality of people that the State attracts and is unable to keep. I am not the only one who continues searching for other employment in an effort to keep my financial head above water.	EH	See para 3a above.
Williams, Jo; ATG (continued from above)	I am not an extravagant spender. I barely make enough money to pay mortgage, bills, medical expenses and buy food. I do not have expendable income to go out to a restaurant for a meal, or to go see a movie, or buy enough gasoline to travel north to visit family, or have a casual long-distance conversations with out-of-state relatives, or buy new clothes or holiday gifts. I give what I can to charity, but believe me, it ain't much.	EH	See para 3a above.
Williams, Jo; ATG (continued from above)	Please, for God's sake, hear us. I know I speak for the majority when I pray our plight does not fall on deaf ears. Someone has got to understand that it is time to STOP balancing the budget on the backs of the employees, and STOP chipping away at our sad and frighteningly substandard incomes. I never believed that \$5 would make a difference one way or the other, band it may not sound like a big deal to introduce a \$5 expense to State employees, but compounded with all the facts, it succeeds in pushing us farther into the hole	EH	See para 3a above.
Wilson, Karen; DOL	I would like to attend a hearing – however, I have a conflict. I attend church on Wednesday evenings. I'm not the only one there at church and there are many more churches than mine that hold mid-week services on Wednesday – it's been the tradition for decades. My point here is that many people may not be able to attend due to the same circumstance. It would be nice if these hearings could be scheduled on a day of the week when, traditionally, there is no church. Please let me know if it is possible for a hearing to be held on another day of the week.	Other	Public hearings were scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Wednesday, March 31, 2004, 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Comments were accepted during the comment period both electronically and in hard copy form as well.
Wilson, Randell, Public Hearing Comment (3- 31-04)	Mr. Randell Wilson said now is not the right time for a parking increase. State employees have not gotten a cost of living increase for years while everything else continues to increase. Gas prices are rising and expected to continue. The parking increase isn't necessary. Other companies don't charge for parking. He said he heard comments that the panel is going to raise the parking rates, despite the public input.	EH	See para 3a above.

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Winkler, Barbara; ATG	I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed parking rate increase. State employees are already getting short-changed by the lack of cost-of-living raises over the past few years plus the increased cost of our health insurance. As a state employee I am grateful to have a job at a time when many don't; however, to repeatedly try to balance the budget at the expense of ordinary state workers, especially at a time when Governor Locke is giving raises to members of his staff and agency directors is disgraceful. After we have been able to "catch up" with the increased cost of living and other increased costs, reconsidering this rate increase would be possible but right now, the timing couldn't be worse!! Thanks for taking my comments into consideration.	OFF, NDS, EH	See para 3a & b above.
Winkler, Barbara; ATG	Thank you for responding to my comments about the proposed parking rate increase. I would like to make two additional comments. I understand the evening and night shift employees who park in the same spaces during their shift that we park in during the day do not have to pay anything to park there. If you are truly looking at raising rates you should also be looking into making those shift workers pay to park. Their use of the facilities results in additional maintenance and upkeep costs as well. There are also state employees parking at job locations off campus that pay nothing to park. Again, if they work for the state and have a place to park (except for street parking) they should be paying as well. If you include all of those employees you may even find it won't be necessary to raise rates because of the increased revenue brought in. Thank you.	OFF, NDS, EH	See para 3a & b above.
Wolfman, Sonia; ATG	I hope the proposed increase is not because the supposed "fix" to the plaza garage has run over budget, which by the way still leaks when it rains, sometimes even more so than it did before. While the purpose of these comments is not to debate the necessity of the supposed repairs, one does have to wonder about the subsequent decision to pass on these costs to state workers who have already seen actual pay cuts in current pay checks (due to salary freezes and increased health care premiums) with no apparent relief on the horizon. As a relatively recent law school graduate, I have made a choice to work for the state even though this means I make a third of what my counterparts do in private practice. I also have student loans to pay. Free, or low-cost, employee parking is one of those small benefits, which, when taken cumulatively, makes the current choice of working for the state a viable option. For these reasons I oppose any proposal to raise the plaza garage parking fees.	EH, LEA	See para 3a & b above.
Woodbury, Doug; GA	I'm very much against raising the parking rates at this time! With us State workers taking home less money now than ever before, I can't afford it! Every thing keeps going up, except our wages!	EH	See para 3a above.

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Woods, Fronda; ATG	I favor the proposed parking fee increase. Most state employees are not required to drive their cars to work. They choose to do that, and they choose to park their cars at work. Some of us choose to leave our cars at home, or to forego car ownership altogether. The parking facilities on the Capitol Campus are owned by the state, just as the state owns the highways that people drive on to get to the Capitol Campus, including I-5 and US 101. When you take your car onto the highway you pay a user fee, in the form of fuel taxes, to cover the cost of maintencance. If you take your car into a parking facility and leave it there the same rule should apply.	SUP	See para 3f above.
Younglove, Melody; ATG	Thank you for your comments. I think we all share the sentiments expressed. I would suggest, however, that rather than replying via "Reply to All" that your comments be shared with directly with the GA contact, or attend the public hearings scheduled for March 24 and 31. Using "rely to all" puts a significant load on our email and computer system, as well as filling up people's inbox. Thank you for your cooperation.	Other	No position or issue stated.
Zeigler, Wesley; DOL	STATE EMPLOYEES CONTINUE TO <u>REGRESS</u> IN COMPENSATION - SALARY, MEDICAL, ETC. INCREASING PARKING FEES BEING IMPOSED IS YET ANOTHER STEP BACKWARDS FOR STAE EMPLOYEES. LEAVE PARKING FEES ALONE - OR BETTER YET, REDUCE THEM. WE CANNOT KEEP "ADVANCING TO THE REAR" IN TAKE HOME PAY!!	EH	See para 3a above.